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WESTAD WARNING: HANDS OFF CROOK

By Tom McKain

West Adelaide officials are very angry about attempts to lure their star goalkeeper Martyn Crook from the club.

In fact, they even suggest Crook should wear a sign round his neck with a "not for sale" message on it.

Crook himself has stated: "I don't want to leave West Adelaide at this stage and, even if I did, I would prefer Melbourne to Sydney."

"I did talk about a transfer a few weeks ago but now I'm happy to stay."

The player's reference to Melbourne indicates he has heard the many rumours floating around about Sydney City buying him.

Among several stories being bandied around is the extraordinary one that Sydney City have already offered West Adelaide Mark Trenter, goalkeeper Tony Pezzano and Agenor Muniz in a three-for-one swap deal.

Peter Jaksa, coach of West Adelaide, hit out: "I can't understand some people. We're stuck at the bottom of the competition table and there are guys who expect us to sell the best goalkeeper in Australia. "He's not for sale and that's it."

"Muniz isn't fit or can't get a place in the Sydney first team. If the goalkeeper Pezzano is any good, why do they want to get rid of him? And Trenter is recovering from a knee operation. Even with cash on top of that trio, it wouldn't be a fair deal."

Peter Jaksa came in with a final broadside: "Muniz wanted to go back to Sydney from Adelaide City because of his work and his wife's work. Why would

he want to come back here - and to a club at the bottom of the table?"

"The last thing my club needs at the moment is other clubs trying to buy our best players."

Even so, Martyn Crook remains a hot property and there is no doubt South Melbourne will come in for his transfer as soon as he and his club decide the timing is right. South Melbourne have made it clear that they want to be in the bidding.

As for Sydney City, their coach Eddie Thomson professes to have no ambitions to sign Crook. The mystery deepens.

The message, though, coming loud and clear from West Adelaide, is ... Martyn Crook is not for sale!



MARTYN CROOK

**A BIT OF
BLARNEY —
BUT
THANKS!**

The following letter from a reader in Newry, Northern Ireland, tickled us pink.

It is just about the nicest compliment that has been paid to ASW. That's why we give it front page treatment:-

I bet you are wondering why someone from this part of the world should write to you? Well I was in Sydney in March of this year and I purchased a copy of your paper AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and I was very impressed by it. It is an excellent Soccer paper with fine articles by Tommy Docherty, Brad Earl, the second-last page, Australian Chit-Chat, and the Editorial comment were very good. There were also fine articles on the NSW and Victorian State Leagues as well as some great photos.

Altogether — a fine Soccer magazine.

I took a few extra copies back to my friends and they were also very impressed and to quote one of them: "If their Soccer is of the same standard as their Soccer paper, then it must be good!"

If you could see fit to send me a recent copy of ASW, say a World Cup issue, I would be forever grateful to you as I am "hooked" on Aussie Soccer all because of ASW, a truly great Soccer paper.

My best wishes to you all at ASW and may your great paper go from strength to strength as I am sure it will.

Yours in Sport
 Denis Hanratty
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4.000 TICKETS SOLD

says Keith Gilmour

Junior and schoolboy Soccer clubs have responded remarkably to the first release of booked seats for the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Championship.

It took next to no time for the first 4,000 seats for six fixtures in Sydney to be gobbled up like hot cakes.

The junior clubs received special pre-booking forms in the mail as arranged with the NSW Amateurs, and similar senior clubs received their advice from the NSW Soccer Federation.

The release of tickets to the general public through agencies commences on August 1.

With the mailing went the first printed news released on the championship.

Already the national Associations competing are starting to move.

The Brazilian FA appointed a Melbourne resident to check up on food requirements, training and match grounds and accommodation in readiness for their trip.



EXCLUSIVE THE VLASITS REPORT

How can the blunders of 1981 be avoided in the future?

These are vital questions still being debated by thousands of people who are concerned about the state of Soccer in this country.

One such person is Joe Vlasits, former national coach, and one of the most respected men in the code.

Vlasits has submitted a full report to the Australian Soccer Federation and has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a copy of it.

ASW believes this is a most important document.

It makes a lot of sense. We hope you agree. Turn to page 5 to read "THE VLASITS REPORT".



EDITORIAL

All of a sudden, the world is becoming aware of Australian Soccer. It is quite amazing to think that, while the game here is at its lowest point for many years, Australia's players are attracting talent scouts from top overseas teams.

The Gutendorf era might have been the kiss of death for Australian Soccer but, resilient as ever, Soccer is bouncing back.

Making anything but a snap judgment, Tommy Docherty assured us that there is talent aplenty in the Philips League. He even wants to take Sydney Olympic youngsters Peter Katholos, Jim Ziras, Peter Wilson and possibly Mark Koussas to face the rigours of a Lancashire winter with Preston North End.

Steve Blair and Alan Davidson could be heading for Britain, also. And it seems Peter Sharne and Eddie Krncevic want to have a go at the North American Soccer League where they believe they would have every chance of making the grade.

Why are Australians suddenly rated good enough to succeed in some of the world's toughest Soccer Leagues?

Perhaps the emergence of Craig Johnston as a \$1,500,000 star with the glamorous Liverpool has prompted other overseas clubs to survey the Aussie scene.

Johnston — now back in this country to marry his charming fiancée — was the cheapest of transfer buys. He cost nothing when Middlesbrough signed him, so the Ayresome Park club has cashed in with a profit of one and a half million dollars.

That financial deal was not lost on Tommy Docherty who can see a rich cash harvest on the playing fields of the PSL.

Before leaving for England, Docherty was honest enough to admit: "This is one of the few countries in the world where you can buy good players at the right price. That is the big attraction. If you wanted to buy a player like Katholos from an English club, you would be quoted a ridiculous transfer fee. So Australian players are cheap by world standards. As such, they are an attractive proposition."

He is right, of course. The Craig Johnston deal proved just how much Aussie players are worth once they're established in England.

It will be sad to see Australia's outstanding young talent going abroad but it is inevitable. Rudi Gutendorf feared such an exodus when he attempted, without much success, to chain his Socceroo players to ASF agreements. The players were asked to sign a document agreeing to stay in Australia until after the World Cup campaign. Most of them signed though such a document could never stand up in a court of law.

Now the floodgates are about to open. The bargain basement sales are on. It will be good for Australian morale to see young talent from this country making an impact overseas.

But it will make a terrible mess of Australia's future World Cup planning.



Rene Houseman

ARGENTINE WORLD CUP STAR FOR SLICKERS

By John Economos

Sydney Slickers dropped a bombshell on the local Soccer scene last week when it filtered out that they were about to sign Argentina's World Cup player, Rene Houseman.

Houseman, known locally as "El Loco" because of his wild, undisciplined style of play, is to be accompanied to Australia by his younger (20 years old) brother Marcello, who is also a striker.

Houseman, a real play-boy-type character, could prove to be a personality on the Australian scene, something which is badly lacking.

Slickers' secretary-manager, David Childs, received a letter from Houseman in Argentina asking whether his club would be interested in him as a player.

Houseman was transferred this season to the famous River Plate side, but he has expressed a desire to play Soccer outside Argentina.

However, there is a small

snag to the exercise, as Argentina's World Cup manager, Cesar Menotti, is still interested in Houseman for the national squad.

Late Friday afternoon, Childs spoke to Menotti on the phone and the Argentinian supremo insisted that a special clause be added to Houseman's contract by the Slickers for his immediate availability and release from the Slickers upon Houseman's recall to the national team.

A great bonus element to the whole deal for the Slickers is the fact that there will be no transfer fee asked by his club River Plate. However, River Plate insists that Houseman is heavily insured.

At the moment, Houseman now has in his possession a Sydney City contract which he has agreed to sign and the whole deal is being

finalised whilst we go to press.

Sydney City, has already applied to the Immigration Department for the two necessary visas, and expect a reply today.

Providing there are no other snags, Houseman is expected to fly into Sydney tomorrow (Wednesday) morning, and, all being well, will play next Sunday at Marks Field, against Sydney Olympic.

The Slickers have made it very clear to the Argentinian star striker that he will be subject to a very stringent medical check upon his arrival.

When I spoke to Childs late last night, he stated Houseman's arrival on the Sydney scene will be well received by the 100,000-plus South Americans living in Sydney.

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

Round 19

NEWCASTLE KB - LEICHHARDT
Channon, Hoyz, Mountford, Sumner(KB), Soper(L)
BRISBANE LIONS - SOUTH MELBOURNE
Daunt, Latchford
BLACKTOWN DEMONS - WOLLONGONG
P. Tredinnick
MARCONI - SYDNEY SLICKERS
Jankovics
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS - BRISBANE CITY
Rowden(SO), P. Wilkinson(BC)
HEIDELBERG - ADELAIDE CITY
Cole(H), Villani, J. Nyskohus(AC)
FOOTSCRAY - PRESTON
O'Reilly, Illoski(F), Cullen(P)
WEST ADELAIDE - CANBERRA ARROWS
Mamecas(WA), McLaren(CA)

TOP SCORERS

4-1 9. Boden (SS)
2-0 8. Mitchell(AC)
0-1 7. Ollerton(P), Christopoulos(SM), P. Wilkinson(BC)
1-0 6. Sharne(M), Evans(SM), Cole, Paton(H), O'Connor(L), J. Nyskohus(AC), Mountford(KB)
1-1 5. Millman(BL), Soper(L), Koussas(SO), McBreen(W), Gibson, Valeri(CA), Cullen(P), Souness, Kosmina(SS)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1 Blacktown City		1-2	0-1	0-1	2-2		1-5				0-2		3-1		2-2	4-0
2 Newcastle KB	1-1		4-1	1-1		4-0		0-2		0-1		1-2		3-0	1-1	4-2
3 Leichhardt	3-2	2-1			1-1		3-0		0-1				2-2	2-0	0-0	
4 Wollongong	1-1		1-1			2-2		0-0	0-1		3-1	3-4	2-1	1-1		
5 South Melbourne		2-0		1-0			0-0	1-3	1-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-0			
6 Preston	2-3	3-1		1-1			1-1		0-1	0-0	3-1	0-2	3-0			
7 Adelaide City		4-1		1-2	1-0		1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	3-1	3-1		3-2		
8 Brisbane City	2-1		0-0	1-0				2-0	0-0	4-0	3-0		2-0		2-1	
9 Sydney City		4-1			2-0		1-1		3-2	5-0		1-0		1-1	1-0	
10 Canberra City	2-2		0-1	2-2		0-0	3-0	2-0			2-1		5-0		1-2	
11 Marconi		1-2		1-1	1-0	1-4	1-1	1-0	0-2			3-1		2-1	1-0	
12 Sydney Olympic	1-0		1-3		2-2	2-1	3-1	1-1	2-2		2-0		0-0		3-1	
13 Heidelberg		1-2		0-3	0-0	2-3	1-2	2-0		1-1		1-0			2-0	
14 Footscray	2-0		2-1	1-1	1-2	2-1	1-1		1-0		1-2		2-2			1-1
15 Brisbane Lions		0-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	2-1		1-0		1-0		1-1		4-0		3-1
16 West Adelaide	2-0	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-2	4-0	0-3		1-2	1-1						

LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
ADELAIDE CITY	7	0	3	17- 9	14	4	3	2	16-10	11	19	11	3	5	33-19	25
SOUTH MELBOURNE	6	2	1	11- 6	14	2	6	1	12-11	10	18	8	8	2	23-17	24
SYDNEY SLICKERS	6	2	0	18- 5	14	4	1	4	9-10	9	17	10	3	4	27-15	23
BRISBANE CITY	7	2	0	16- 2	16	1	5	4	6-11	7	19	8	7	4	22-13	23
CANBERRA ARROWS	4	3	2	17- 8	11	4	3	3	9- 7	11	19	8	6	5	26-15	22
LEICHHARDT	4	3	1	13- 7	11	4	3	3	11-12	11	18	8	6	4	24-19	22
NEWCASTLE KB	4	3	3	19-11	11	5	0	4	11-15	10	19	9	3	7	30-26	21
BRISBANE LIONS	6	3	1	15- 5	15	0	5	3	8-11	5	18	6	8	4	23-16	20
WOLLONGONG	2	5	2	13-12	9	3	5	2	10- 7	11	19	5	10	4	23-19	20
MARCONI	5	2	3	12-12	12	3	1	4	5-13	7	18	8	3	7	17-25	19
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	5	4	1	17-11	14	1	2	6	8-18	4	19	6	6	7	25-29	18
HEIDELBERG	3	2	4	10-11	8	2	2	5	14-19	6	18	5	4	9	24-30	14
FOOTSCRAY	4	4	2	14-11	12	0	1	8	2-23	1	19	4	5	10	16-33	13
PRESTON	3	3	3	13-10	9	1	1	8	8-22	3	19	4	4	11	21-32	12
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	2	2	5	13-16	6	1	3	5	10-16	5	18	3	5	10	23-32	11
WEST ADELAIDE	2	2	5	9-11	6	1	1	8	8-22	3	19	3	3	13	17-33	9

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS



Some of the most serious and controversial mistakes in football occur when the referee is unjust to one team from pre-judgment and not from accidental mistakes.

The basic and general abilities of a referee are known to everybody today and it's not essential to repeat them in this column. The spread of Soccer throughout the world at all levels, however, has created some extra problems for referees. One of them is the unbiased judgment of the referee.

In today's society where corruption has come into all life activities, with people chasing "the easy money", Soccer has been hit as well. Millions of dollars surround the Soccer games through football Pools in many countries, and "experts" know very well the way in which they can change a result.

Remember last year's happenings in Italy with players' suspensions and AC Milan's relegation?

FIFA (in the rules referred to in the book "Laws of the Game and Universal Guide for Referees", in the special General Instructions — 2) predicts heavy punishments for administrators, players and referees should they try to give, or to receive, in order to change the result of the game.

The offer from one club to the referee, does not necessarily have to be direct. It can be made in 1,000 other side ways. One of these is the commercial connection between a club and a referee, from which the referee is obligated to sometimes close his eyes in a game in order not to disappoint his customer!

This fine point of the FIFA rules has been left open, or has been left to the independent Federations within FIFA to cover in their own way.

To be more specific, let me present you with rules of refereeing from one of the European nations on this point of unbiased refereeing:

"It is against the referees' principle in any sport to be a member or official of any club, except a refereeing club. He can't referee in any games if he is involved in any type of commercial venture with a club (eg. as a proprietor of a sporting goods store), nor his relatives."

This point seems to be unknown or unpublished by the Australian Soccer Federation, the Philips League and the State Soccer Federations.

Today several referees are involved in the sporting goods business, either as owners of shops or through the manufacturing companies.

It is probable that those referees will want to do business with the clubs whose matches they referee.

No-one can doubt their objective refereeing decisions. But who can GUARANTEE their sincerity?

I think it is time to be more serious about this very fine point from a logical view. As long as spectators have doubts about the unbiased handling of matches, they are liable to turn nasty - as happened in a few recent PSL games.

The referees must remember that a priest can't hold service in two churches at once.

I believe the subject of refereeing is serious and must be cleared up by the Australian Soccer Federation.

SEND YOUR PHOTOS!

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THE DAY I BECAME A TEAM COACH!

By Terry Smith

If there are 433,000 junior Soccer players in Australia, there must be almost 40,000 coaches. I'm one of them.

It all happened by accident. I was in Hong Kong when a near neighbour told some of the parents of the Killarney Heights 9A Soccer team, to which my son had been promoted from last year's 8Cs, that I wanted to coach the boys.

Not true. I merely told him to tell the club I would help out as team manager if nobody else wanted the job.

On my return I found myself as coach. The first trial the next day was a disaster. We lost 6-0.

The father of a brilliant new player was at my elbow. "It's going to be a long cold winter with this lot," he said. "I think my bloke might play Rugby with his school team." Immediately I recruited him as assistant coach.

Ron Willey, my golfing partner, coach of the North Sydney Bears and the man who led Manly-Warringah to two Rugby League premierships after playing for Australia as a Kangaroo fullback, was brief and to the point.

"Don't do it," he said. "It's bad for a father to coach his son's team. You can't win."

But I was lumbered. Like a hunted animal, I rang Joe Vlasits, with



KILLARNEY HEIGHTS 9A

Back row: Chris Sarkissian, Nigel Greig, Anthony Byrnes, Michael Saywell, Roger Cooper, Tim Gabbott.

Front row: Angus Keech, Simon Rose, Glenn Duhigg, Justin Smith, Matthew Stafford.

Absent: Ben Mortimer, Paul Walton.

whom I made a couple of overseas trips with Australian teams he coached during my days as a Soccer writer.

"No running," he said. "Give them lots of ball work. Teach them tricks."

Johnny Warren volunteered a few tips. David Jack gave me Pele's excellent Soccer coaching video cassette.

One of the dads said: "Most of these boys were coached by a young girl last year. All my son improved at was stone throwing."

Everyone wanted to play centre-forward. When a player broke clear, another would loom up at his elbow to try and pinch the ball and become a hero by scoring the goal.

We got down to basics, and gradually it became less chaotic. We got the defence organised. Players began to play in their positions and knock a few passes about. Selfish boys became team men.

Our only two losses in the first 10 games were by the odd goal, but our defensive effort in conceding only four

goals was far better than our 20 goals for.

The task of solving the lack of punch in our attack was further complicated when our goalie had a game in the field and scored a goal with a rasping shot from 30 yards out.

Unbelievable. He hadn't been able to boot his goal kicks that far, so another boy was taking them.

The parents have been super. Enthusiastic, but thankfully no lunatics screaming abuse at the players and referees.

Some of the boys spent the May holidays attending Richard Alagich's Soccer camp at Cromer. The improvement in them was unbelievable. Caterpillars turned into beautiful butterflies.

We probably won't win the comp, but it has been worth it, all the cold Thursday afternoons running round for an hour with a great bunch of kids at Killarney Oval.

I'll remember the joyful faces after a goal has been scored. The smiles after a win. The satisfaction of seeing one of the weak players suddenly improve. We're all mates, I hope.

I'm sure the other 39,999 coaches feel the same. We'll probably be back next year.

Alitalia



PETER WILSON IN LINE FOR BIG PRIZE

Former Australian World Cup captain, Peter Wilson, seems determined to prove that Soccer is NOT really a young man's game.

This season, the Leichhardt sweeper has produced amazingly consistent form, match after match. That has not been missed by AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY writers who have awarded Wilson an impressive 19 points in their "man of the match" assessments.

But Wilson is the odd man out among the pace-setters in this contest for ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL Trophy. Most of the other challengers for the big prize are very young... and that must be a healthy sign for the future of Australian Soccer.

The coveted prize in the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL contest is a return air ticket, flying ALITALIA, from Sydney or Melbourne to beautiful Rome.

Will one of the young players step aboard the ALITALIA 747 for the Rome trip or will it be a veteran like Peter Wilson, Jim Hermiston or Alun Evans? There are plenty of matches to be played yet and many points to be picked up.

There will be an ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL trophy to go along with the air ticket.



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Also, a portable colour television set is being given away — the winner being the leading goalscorer in the Philips League. Kenny Boden has been front-runner for the TV for many weeks.

Here are the leading contenders in the "player of the year" contest:-

- 27 - Terry Byrne
- 23 - David Mitchell
- 21 - Joe Senkalski, Peter Katholos
- 19 - Peter Wilson (Leich)
- 16 - Col Bennett, Chris Dunleavy, Alun Evans
- 14 - Phil O'Connor, Jim Hermiston, Dennis Boland
- 13 - Martin Coe, Tony Brennan, Ian Souness
- 12 - Paul Burrows, Jim Campbell, Allan Maher
- 11 - Alan Whittle, Martyn Crook, Tony Henderson, Paul Wilkinson
- 10 - Peter Sharne, Greg Woodhouse, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf, Arthur Xanthopoulos
- 9 - Jim Ziras, Larry Gaffney, Jim McBreen, Clive Campbell, John Djordjevic
- 8 - Gary Byrne, Steve Blair, Brian O'Donnell, Bruce James, Malcolm McClelland
- 7 - Todd Clarke, Jimmy Wright, Stuart Selva, Jim Tansey, Doug Brown, Peter Tymczyszyn, Peter Boyle
- 6 - Arno Bertogna, Shraga Topaz, John Perin, Derek Laing, Houssein Housseini, Steve Sumner, Paul Reaney, Joe Palinkas, Ken Boden, Joe Watson, Vince Bannon, Gary Clayton, Dan Jovanovic, Jimmy Dunne, Ron Millman, Jim O'Reilly, Paul Ontong

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

Step this way — for a great Presto prize.

Just answer the simple questions in A.S.W.'s PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1.True. 2.Willie Wallace. 3.Liverpool. 4.Hungary. 5.False. 6.No.

The winner was:

Alan Magee, 1/16 Middleton St, Petersham, Sydney, who chose a leg of Presto ham.

Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. What club has won the greatest number of European Cups?
2. Name the 1980 Philips League winners. Sydney City
3. Blair, Laumets and Rogers play for which PSL club? South Melbourne
4. Has Italy ever won the World Cup?
5. How many substitutes are allowed in English club games? one
6. Did Sydney Olympic play in the 1980 PSL? no

The winner of this Quiz will be announced in next Tuesday's issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.



NEW OLYMPIC BOSS



Sydney Olympic's new coach, Doug Collins, flew into Sydney yesterday (Monday) and will take up his duties at a training run with the team tonight.

Collins played with Burnley for 10 years and also played for such clubs as Sunderland, Plymouth Argyle and Rochdale.

His last position in England was manager of Rochdale, one of the toughest jobs in the 92-team Football League. "Rochdale was hard work, but I had reasonable success," said Collins.

The fair-haired Collins was the personal recommendation for the Olympic job of former coach Tommy Docherty — now with Preston North End.

They know each other well. In fact, Collins spent six months with Derby County as an assistant to The Doc a few years ago.

First impressions of Australia were good yesterday as Doug Collins settled in to his temporary accommodation at the Corban International Motel in Coogee.

The sun was shining and all was well with the world! Tonight, the serious work starts for Olympic's new coach when he gets to know his players at Pratten Park.

He met them briefly in February when he was in Australia for a month. That's when he decided he wanted to migrate here.

How does the new Olympic boss feel about following an act like Tommy Docherty?

"I want to carry on what The Doc started," he told AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.



STAR INTERVIEW

Raul Blanco, the much-talked-about coach of Marconi, does not smile without reason, and had little reason to do so after the match against Newcastle KB at Bossley Park. His team was just beaten 2-1 in a deferred League encounter.

While KB players and supporters celebrated their win in the Marconi Club bar, Raul Blanco sat in his office pondering about this defeat. Two straight losses at home must hurt, and Blanco knows only too well that it also does not win too many friends.

I was keen to find out his thoughts about the game and about the near and distant future of this man — Raul Blanco.

Q: Do you think the season is now over for Marconi?

A: Far from it; we are still in the Cup and we are not that far away from the top. This season many teams have shown the quality to fight for the top spot and we are certainly amongst them.

Q: This loss must have hurt. To what do you attribute this defeat?

A: Silly mistakes. The second mistake was the least thing we needed. We just get the equaliser and bang, at the other end, our player misses the ball and they got the winner. We attacked for 90 minutes, but it is terribly difficult to penetrate a 10-men defence.

Q: Does this loss put your coaching position in the club at peril?

A: I don't think so. I was always given freedom to work with any team and no objections or interference came from anyone in this club, and two losses in the last 10 matches does not automatically mean the coach must expect trouble.

Q: People are very quick to suggest that following a bad season with St George, you are going to have another disastrous season with Marconi.

A: People will talk. You can't stop them, but I would like on this occasion to point out that my credentials to date carry only one black mark — St George of last year. Remember also that I was in the Philips Cup Final with the same St George side. Is that a failure? The year before last we avoided certain relegation.



RAUL BLANCO Talks to Alex Vesic

Look at some of my achievements:

1976: Quarter-finals of the Rothmans Cup with Pan Hellenic.

1977: Umbro Cup winners with Melita Eagles.

1977: Promotion to the State League with Melita Eagles — undefeated.

1978: Ampol Cup finalists — with Melita Eagles.

1978: Finalists — with Melita Eagles.

1979: Ampol Cup Final loser to Sydney City.

1979: Philips Cup Final in Adelaide against Adelaide City.

1981: Won Charity Shield with Marconi.

1981: Still in the Philips Cup, and still in the race for top spot in the Philips League.

Against all that, you are looking at the relegation of St George. Does anyone care to remember just how many players I was left with at St George? I never recovered from the mass exodus — but was given three years to create a team at St George. Unfortunately my contract came to an abrupt end.

For all those who might have not known my credentials in Soccer — just have a look at the list of achievements to date. This is not bragging, it is a simple fact.

Q: How do you get on with your players?

A: Great. They are a fine bunch of lads and

also a fine bunch of players.

Q: They don't seem to be firing properly. Do you think an overhaul is necessary?

A: No, not at all.

Everyone knew Marconi of 1979. People talked about Marconi killers of that year and admittedly they were killers. In the second part of the 1980 season, their killer instinct slowly ebbed away and the same continued this year. Their lack of commitment was apparent to most, but I cannot blame them. The itinerary which was given to our players last year and this year was a killer. So many training

sessions in camp for Australia, so many weeks of going away to play for Australia.

Look at the facts. Before matches against Sydney Olympians and Adelaide City, I saw my players for 45 minutes. Do you call that kind of preparation adequate for playing in the PSL? But no one turns around and says — "I feel sorry for those lads!" Most are very quick to say how one player or another is "spent" — and the rest about the coach.

Q: How do you get on with your president, Tony Labbozzetta?

A: He is the best I ever worked with. His backing is all I need to be able to carry on as a coach in this club and he is behind me all the way. We know our problems but we also know the way to overcome them — and believe me, our problems are lesser than most people tend to believe.

Q: Has anyone suggested in this club that you should resign?

A: Absolutely not. This is crazy. Marconi is a professional club and not a two-bit amateur outfit. Their aim for success is always there and they will always be at the top because of their approach to the game. I am working with the players to get the team to the top and, given more time with my players and less demands for national team commitments, we can still get there.

Q: Your team showed a lot of fire against Slickers. How did you see their performance?

A: It was heartening to see them go all out and commit themselves for every ball. But they are now on the way back. With this type of performance, I am sure everybody will see a different Marconi.

YOUTH TEAM'S 2-2 DRAW

Hopes of three wins in three games for Australia's Youth team were shattered in the second match of their tour when they drew 2-2 with New Caledonia in Noumea on Sunday.

It was not a good game but the Aussies deserved to win. There were no goals — and not much excitement — in a dull first half in which the visiting team had most of the action.

The second half was only two minutes old when Oscar Crino put Australia one goal in front. Seventeen minutes from full-time, Dennis Colusso headed Australia's second goal.

But New Caledonia's substitute, Aquatil Gowe, also scored two second half goals to earn a 2-2 draw for his side.

The Australians made team changes from the line-up which won its opening tour game, with Jim Patikas, David Skeen

and Paul Kay dropping out to make room for Grant Lee, Oscar Crino and Dennis Colusso.

In addition to these intentional changes, injury forced out goalkeeper Glen Ahern and David Mitchell before the match. Their spots went to Brett Beeves and Mark Koussas.

Crino, playing as sweeper, had a useful outing and was able to come upfield to join in several attacks.

Youth Soccer coach Les Scheinflug said after the match: "I thought we got a good result when you consider the changes forced on the team through injury. I discovered plenty about my players in this match."



With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

MACKAY WINS QLD TITLES

As a contrast to the story that I told in the last issue when the NSW State titles were held in freezing conditions, this week we have received an account from Queensland correspondent, Sue Monteath, on what happened in the Sunshine State.

Shortly before Telecom sent us back to smoke signals, I was able to speak to Elaine Watson, the Queensland president.

Elaine told me that although it (the titles) was held in Gladstone in Central Queensland, she was glad to get back to her accommodation to put on woollies and have a hot bath. She said that it was quite cold and the temperature was a cool 16 degrees.

Sue said the number of entrants for the Queensland titles increased from six last year to 12 this year.

The teams competing were: Biloela; Brisbane Youth; Bundaberg; Port Curtis "A" and "B"; Mt Isa; Sunshine Coast; Brisbane Open; Gold Coast; Mackay; Toowoomba; and South Burnett.

Last year, the two Brisbane teams, Brisbane Open and Brisbane Youth, drew each other in the competitions.

History repeated itself again this year with the two teams drawing each other in the first game.

With regard to football appeal, this match was probably the best of the weekend.

The game finished in a nil-all draw. Both teams were kept busy defending off their goal-line and having attacks hit the uprights and crossbar in their endeavour to break the deadlock.

The Brisbane Youth side had a really tough draw this year.

In the preliminary rounds on Saturday and Sunday, they just went down by the odd goal to Port Curtis "A" side 3-2, and had a draw with Toowoomba.

The Brisbane open side, on the other hand, cruised through their matches, winning 19-0 against Port Curtis "B" side, with another easy victory against Bundaberg, 6-0.

The semi-finals were played on Monday morning with Mackay (3 wins), Port Curtis "A" (3 wins), Brisbane Open (2 wins 1 draw), and Mt Isa (2 wins 1 draw).

The first game was started at 8.30 am which proved far too early for the Brisbane Open side.

In their match against Mackay, they were beaten to the ball by a faster and fitter side.

Mackay thoroughly deserved their win of 2-0 and advanced to the finals.

In the other semi-final, Port Curtis outplayed Mt Isa to win comfortably, 3-1. In the play-off for third place, Brisbane Open played Mt Isa.

A familiar face in the Mt Isa line-up was Doris Haddock a well-remembered player from past Queensland State sides. Doris is now captain/coach of the Mt Isa side.

In this game, the Brisbane Open side just scraped home with a 12-0 win.

Sue says that it was terrific to see the local host team in the final but they were out-gunned by the stronger Mackay side. The final score was 5-0 to Mackay.

When the winning medals were handed out at the end of the day, Mackay was congratulated as being the first team to take the trophy away from Brisbane.

The Queensland State coach, Rinus van Zeist, announced that there were four country players who would be required to attend State training sessions.

These girls are: Lainie Thorn (Gold Coast); Alison Baker (Port Curtis); Christine Wells (Bundaberg); Connie Selby (Bundaberg).

Connie Selby, a former Australian captain, is another family face right around Australia. With husband Jim, a professional Soccer coach, who knows where she may bob up next to lend her considerable talent to women's Soccer teams. It will be interesting to see who Nthn NSW replaces her with in their State line-up.

Sue wants to make it quite clear why there were no girls from the strong Mackay side, the winners of the tournament, in the State squad.

The simple reason is that only affiliates to the South Queensland Soccer Association are eligible for selection.

The remainder of the girls in the squad of 28 are from Brisbane. There are eight from the youth squad and 16 from the open squad.

The venue for the 1982 State titles in Queensland will be at the Gold Coast.

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The Victorian State Coach, Mick Hoar, chose his team of 18 players on the 20th June. Details will be given as they become available.

In the Victorian league tables Greenborough, in the first division, has cleared away from the rest with 13 points. In the second division, a tight situation has developed between the top two teams, Watsonia and Footscray, where only a point separates first and second place. Similarly in third division, the odd game separates Moreland and Sunbury.

A missing member of the Victorian State side this year will be Gail McQuarrie, who has elected not to try out for selection this year. Gail is saving hard for a visit back to her home in the U.K.

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The New South Wales line-up for the Nationals will be interesting reading in the programme.

Coach Andy Clues has selected a mixture of experienced and youthful players in his team.

One of the experienced and youthful members is Kim Lembryk from the State Side and also the Youth team. Faye Moxham received her State badge this year straight from the Youth side.

Other newcomers to the side are, Carol Vinson from Kuringai; Carla Krijnen from Easts; Julie McGuffie from South Coast; and Jeneane Aitken of Kuringai.

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The annual Gold Coast Carnival will be held in Queensland on 13th and 14th September.

This contest attracts more teams each year and this year looks like being no exception.

Interstate teams competing are reminded that they have to receive permission from their State committee to compete.

THE VLASITS REPORT

- WHAT WENT WRONG IN 1981?
- WHAT MUST BE DONE?

By John Economos

Last week-end I ran into the grand old man of Australian Soccer, "Uncle" Joe Vlasits. Joe Vlasits took control of the Australian national team back in 1967 under the captaincy of Johnny Warren.

Vlasits was the man who put young Australian Soccer stars onto the international Soccer arena.

The likes of Ron Corry (one of Australia's best-ever goalkeepers); rock-hard defenders in Manfred Schaefer, Johnny Watkiss and Alan Marnoch; non-stop midfielders of the calibre of Johnny Warren, Danny Walsh, Johnny Perin and Ray Baartz; and lethal strikers of the class of Atti Abonyi, Adrian Alston and Billy Vojtek.

Other names that Vlasits unearthed included Jimmy Fraser, Lou Kastner, Roger Romanowicz, Gary Manuel, Ritchie Bell.

Vlasits was one of the many Australians quite upset with the form the Australian World Cup team showed against our neighbouring New Zealand. This prompted him to formulate a nine page report which he has just submitted to the Australian Soccer Federation.

No matter what anyone may think of this grand old man Vlasits, the one thing that he does have above all, is national pride, and as an ex Australian World Cup coach, his thoughts must be respected. So we now briefly go into his report. It is an analysis of the Australian team and proposals for the future.

"THE VLASITS' PAPERS"

Against New Zealand, the Australian Team showed complete lack of the following:

- Fighting spirit.
- Speed and effort.
- Concentration.
- Confidence.
- Positive thinking.
- Purpose.

Some of this reflects the lack of the right attitude among the players, and some stems from the failure by the national coach to instil the right spirit and attitude into the players.

The unfortunate, but most essential, conclusion that must be reached following that assessment, is that most of the present national squad, must be dropped after the present series of matches is completed.

If there is still a chance of Australia winning this current series, (and there still is such a chance), we should be practical and continue to select the strongest possible team for each remaining match - and that means assessing attitude, spirit, and character, as well as skill, determination and fitness.

If New Zealand beats Fiji, killing Australia's chances completely, then

the opportunity should be taken to begin building for the future and to blood some of the youngsters who will represent Australia in the World Youth Cup in October.

This is not a recommendation to field the whole of the current Youth team as the national side. That could risk undermining their morale by exposing them too quickly to public humiliation at the hands of lesser Soccer nations.

But it does provide an opportunity to give international experience to members of the Youth team who have already had substantial senior experience by playing regularly in the PSL, players like Raskopoulos, Blair, Kay, Koussas, Patikas, Wheatley, Mitchell, Villani, Belic.

It would also give us the opportunity to give extended runs to young players who have been tried by the outgoing national coach, proved themselves, and then been discarded - Hogg, Moulis, Treddinnick, Christopoulos, Selemidis - as well as retaining some of the slightly older players of skill and determination in the present squad.

Reflecting upon, the match at the SCG against

NZ, very few of the Australian players played well. Even young Alan Davidson did not play up to his usual standard.

However, he has done enough in the past in the national team to be retained. Yzendoorn played well enough to be retained and Krncevic should be given a chance in a team which would create more chances for him to use his goal-scoring ability.

Kosmina and Boden, also have enough skill to create openings at any level of Soccer, with enough experience to steady the young players around them.

I would like to stress that not many of the others in the present squad seem to have the national pride necessary to continue to play for their country.

Against the New Zealand side, too many gaps were left in the midfield and defence; too many passes were misdirected, too many opponents were left unmarked and too many Australians were left to face oncoming opponents without any cover whatsoever.

APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL COACH

Before even considering any particular individuals for the national coach position, it is necessary to set the description of qualities required in a person for this most important job.

In my opinion, we should seek to appoint an Australian for the position.

He need not necessarily be Australian-born as long as he has been in this country for several years, and has been involved in Soccer as a coach and preferably as a player. If he has not been involved here as a player, then he should have brought with him a reputation as a player overseas, sufficient to ensure that he will command respect from players, administrators and the media.

The insistence of the person being Australian, will achieve three benefits;

a) It will save the unnecessary expense of paying excessive salaries to big names from overseas who are unable to come to grips with the hard facts and realities of the Australian Soccer situation.

b) It will ensure that the man appointed has knowledge of the local players, administrators, media and the atmosphere in which he will have to operate.

c) It will help restore the confidence of the public in Australian Soccer, a crucial factor if we are to continue to attract enough spectators and support to the code to keep it solvent at national level. Even with

continued sponsorship, we must try as far as possible to make the national team self-sufficient.

In a game that is still essentially a part-time operation, it is difficult to see how a national coach could operate full-time, working only with the national team.

The national coach could do a good job on promotion and public relations for the game by carrying out a programme of taking the game to schools, amateur clubs, juniors etc, by way of demonstrations, coaching sessions, lectures film shows etc.

Therefore, the search should be for a man of energy, enthusiasm and dedication, as well as character, knowledge and reputation.

These attributes, automatically narrow the field, and there are very few coaches who spring to mind as automatic candidates.

Five such candidates who might come up to the required standard, are:

Les Scheinflug.

Johnny Warren.

Ken Kontra.

Alan Vest.

Ron Tindall.

Perhaps, an outstanding candidate of the calibre of Frank Arok, could be persuaded to apply.

PART-TIME ASSISTANT

The national coach will from time to time need an assistant. If the appointment is done very carefully, he could be groomed to be a successor for the future.

This automatically suggests the assistant should be a younger man. Again he should be Australian. He must have a reputation as a player, preferably a former Soccerroo, and his reputation as well as character should be above all criticism. Clear possibilities are Johnny Warren, Johnny Watkiss and Atti Abonyi as candidates.

The appointment of a Youth Coach should be quite separate. Again he should be an Australian and young enough to form an affinity with his players whilst being old enough to command their respect and obedience.

He would not need an assistant, but would certainly need an older person as an adviser with whom he could discuss programmes and progress away from the training and coaching sessions and could help him by spotting players and doing match analysis.

Both could easily be done as part-time appointments.

Once the appointments are made, and they should be done as quickly as possible, the coach should be asked to submit a programme of work. Then he would be left to carry out this programme in his own way, yet with enough supervision to ensure that he does not waste time and money in distracting pursuits or in self-publicising activities.



JOE VLASITS

FIRST REQUIREMENTS

A series of measurement and testing exercises which will ensure that players selected remain sharp as well as enthusiastic.

A training programme, both in terms of long-term objectives and of individual sessions, which will keep the players interested, improve their skills and sharpen their reactions.

They must also be given confidence in themselves and in each other. There must be no public criticism of the team by the coach, except in the most general terms after a match to suggest that the performance did not come up to the required standard or that the players had failed to play to their usual form.

Strong criticism and condemnation before a match of either the players or the administration for the conditions they have been able to provide, should NEVER be allowed.

Apart from the essential requirements listed above, the coach selected must have the capacity to establish and maintain discipline while remaining agreeable to players and administrators. He should have the ability to achieve good relations with all the other coaches whose help and co-operation he will need in gathering knowledge of form and ability and in obtaining regular release of national squad players for training and coaching.

COACHING PROGRAMME

After the coach has been appointed, and the World Cup Committee has established its priorities, I will be happy to submit a fully detailed programme which would enable the coach to get the best performance possible out of the best players available for the national team.

Meanwhile, the committee should be aiming to provide the national coach with all the facilities to be able to have the squad together for a total of two months (not in one unbroken stretch, of course) in those years like 1981 when World Cup qualifying matches are played.

For all the other years, he should be given the facilities to have the squad together for 30 days in total each year.

In addition, either one overseas tour or a number of visits to Australia by overseas teams should be arranged in each year.

To obtain the most benefit for the squad, the overseas tours would as far as possible, be to those areas where Australia traditionally competes in FIFA tournaments eg; Asiatic countries and Indonesia.

PUBLIC INTEREST

To maintain the public's interest, and to attract spectators and make money, teams from overseas brought to Australia, should only be the very best money can buy. Second-rate Soccer teams just do not justify the effort and expenditure in bringing them to Australia.

If club teams are to be brought to Australia, they should only be clubs of the calibre of Liverpool, Manchester United, Real Madrid, New York Cosmos and Juventus. It has been clearly demonstrated time after time over the past 30 years that the exciting and famous clubs from overseas do attract large crowds and do make profits for Soccer in general in Australia.

If national teams are invited to Australia, they too should be the very best available. By this, I mean national teams like Brazil, Argentina, England, West Germany, Italy etc... all of which are capable of filling the largest grounds here in Australia. All of this would require solid planning and hard work but, it would all be worth it in the end."

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The above is a summary that has now been submitted for study to the ASF. As one can see, Uncle Joe Vlasits, still has much wisdom and experience to offer to Australian Soccer. Can Australian Soccer really afford to ignore his wise, suggestive planning? I don't think so.

JOHN WARREN (LEFT) AND JOHN WATKISS... TWO OF UNCLE JOE'S SOLDIERS



MATCH REPORTS

GREAT LATCHFORD

By WALLY BRUCE

Bob Latchford bid farewell to Brisbane Lions and the Philips League with a memorable second half performance playing a major role in an upset 2-0 win over South Melbourne, which really threw title calculations into the melting pot.

Latchford scored the vital goal for Lions in the 61st minute and completed a 100 per cent goalscoring record in the three full matches he played.

Even though he was curtailed somewhat by injury, Latchford's presence alone was of inestimable value as Lions did not lose a match during his stay.

South did most of the attacking, yet were a goal down after 23 minutes, when Calvin Daunt calmly finished off a move involving Steve Hogg and Mark McNaughton following a Jim Hermiston free kick.

Yet apart from that goal, and a powerful shot from Hogg, which Peter Laumets swallowed, Lions did not cause South Melbourne any other major problems.

Most of the goalmouth action was in front of Nigel Lownds' net and he responded magnificently with a courageous performance under extreme pressure.

Big Col Bennett also displayed his iron man qualities by halting a blistering drive from George Christopoulos with his forehead. It would have knocked most other players off their feet.

But the second half was a different story. Lions, in fact, could have increased their lead to something like 4-0 in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Daunt missed a clear chance from close in; Craig Low had a shot blocked by the advancing Laumets and Steve Hogg hammered just over the bar with only the keeper to beat.

On each occasion the man

who created the chances was the lurking Latchford, who demonstrated why he has been a top professional for so long.

South Melbourne had one hope for an equaliser when Lownds again brilliantly denied the busy Campbell, but Latchford settled the issue in the 61st minute with a goal so well taken it looked painfully simple.

Paul Ontong thumped a long clearance down the middle and Arthur Xanthopoulos made the mistake of letting it bounce. That was all the encouragement Latchford needed.

He gained possession, charged towards goal and even with Xanthopoulos desperately trying to restrain him, took all the time he wanted to shove the ball past Laumets.

This was a real effort from Lions although some players stood out more, particularly Lownds, Bennett, Hogg, Ferris and Daunt.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds, Ontong, Hermiston, Bennett, Niven, Hogg, Ferris, McNaughton (Wilson 78), Low, Latchford, Daunt.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Bannon, Xanthopoulos, Rogers, Davidson, Shirra, Stevenson (Cummings 72), Christopoulos, Wooddin, Evans, Campbell.

REFEREE — D. Nugent.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Lions — Bennett (4); South — Christopoulos (3).

TIME FOR REWARDS

By Tom McKain

Adelaide Hawks coach, Peter Jaksa, is wondering when his players are going to be rewarded for their efforts.

Last weekend they again did all that was asked of them but had to fight back to pull off a 1-1 draw with Canberra Arrows at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Canberra scored in the 29th minute when Don MacLaren collected a loose ball and from 30 metres out gave goalkeeper, Martyn Crook no chance with a dipping shot to his right which left the goalkeeper standing.

The equaliser came in the 66th minute when Manecas, out on the right wing, sent in what looked like a curling cross.

The ball beat team-mate, Tim Brown, who rose to meet it with his head but it also avoided Kiwi international goalkeeper, Richard Wilson, and finished in the back of the net for a spectacular goal.

In the second period it was Terry Byrne who saved a Brown header on the line, and at the other end of the field, Crook tipped what looked like a certain goal from Duncan Cole over the bar.

Apart from MacLaren's goal and the shot from Cole, Canberra almost got another from Brennan but Crook

Wilson was busier than Crook in the first half although Arrows were playing with the help of a stiff breeze, and Manecas, Tom Forde and Peter Kowalski went close. again showed his Soccerroo form.

Arrows' Scottish striker, Ian Gibson, combined well with Brennan, and the latter had it all his own way in the first half against Bozanic, who had a nightmare start to his comeback after an ankle injury.

Hawks' Ian McGregor again had to desert his midfield role to play at full-back, replacing Zoran Maricic, who is recovering from an operation on his broken nose.

Hawks failed in a last minute bid to sign on two players from State league club, Croatia — midfield striker, Robert Marwe and defender or midfield destroyer, Jamie Thomson.

They would have been involved in an exchange deal for Hawks' striker, Graham Norris, and Scottish imported winger, Jimmy Wright.

It is doubtful if Marwe and Thomson would have made any difference against Arrows as, once again, Hawks spent a frustrating day with nothing to show for their efforts when it came to the final thrust in front of goal.

ADELAIDE HAWKS: Crook, Kambas, Brown, Forde, Topaz, Bozanic, Smythe (Lorenzoni 77), Manecas, Kowalski, Honeyman, McGregor.

CANBERRA: Wilson, M.O'Shea, Moutsopoulos, Cole, J.O'Shea, Purdie (Valeri 72), R.O'Shea, Byrne, Gibson, MacLaren, Brennan.

Referee: D. Campbell (SA).

MAN OF THE MATCH: Hawks - Topaz (3); Arrows - Brennan (3)

FASHANU SENT OFF

Says Peter Georgiou

Justin Fashanu was in the bad books for Adelaide City against Heidelberg... not a good example to any youngster who was watching Sunday's game. The visitors guest star was involved in an incident with Arthur McMillan and was sent off by referee, Mr Bob Mee, in the beginning of a dramatic second half of the game won by Adcity 2-1.

Earlier in the game the Norwich star who had a disappointing game, faced a yellow card and was warned by the referee for rough play.

"I showed him a yellow card and I cautioned him earlier. When I saw him involved with McMillan, I had no option but to send him off," said Mr Mee after the game.

The match started at a low key with Heidelberg totally disorganised: the visitors after surviving a brilliant header by Theo Selemidis six minutes from kick off, got down to the business of playing Soccer. Within 10 minutes they opened the score with Villani, who caught the entire Heidelberg defence flat-footed and placed the ball past Oliver.

City's "guest star" was on walkabout and he quickly got the warning from the referee with a yellow card in the 18th minute for interfering with a free kick and Yzendoorn, who had a very disappointing game, followed him with his own yellow card for holding Northcote in 26 minutes.

Adelaide City continued the pressure right from the beginning of the second half. A player like Jim Tansey does not panic under such pressure but the Heidelberg full-back made a move unexpected with his vast experience in the 49th minute, dropping John Nyskohus in the box.

Referee Mee, with no hesitation, awarded a penalty which was taken by the "victim" who made the score 2-0.

After the penalty Heidelberg made a dramatic move to change the numbers on the scoreboard and two minutes later, Gary Cole managed to do just that with a hard shot after receiving a beautiful pass from Selemidis.

The game started to become rough as Heidelberg was trying hard to equalise while the visitors were trying to hold the lead.

Rough play was in order from both sides thus resulting finally, in

the send-off of Justin Fashanu in the 57th minute.

As a result of the toughness, Heidelberg lost Tansey in the 66th, replaced by Monagle. Adelaide City was forced to rearrange its defence, having to play the rest of the game with 10 players.

However, they maintained pressure on Heidelberg and missed a very good chance with Marocchi in 80 mts when he missed the ball in front of an open goal.

A minute later, Heidelberg had a good chance of equalising but the shot by Paton went wide.

In a desperate attempt Selemidis fired a brilliant shot in the 86th only to be robbed by a save by the visitors' goalkeeper.

Two minutes before the end of the game, Melta caught the defence of Heidelberg flat-footed and after passing Oliver he shot for goal. He was very unlucky as the ball went only a couple of centimetres away from the post.

Adelaide City deserved to win.

Heidelberg, after a disappointing start, tried to get their game together but City, even with 10 men, held well to see the game out and get the two valuable points.

Best from Heidelberg were Selemidis and Jim Rooney and from the winners, Villani, Marocchi and Jones.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McMillan, Tansey (Monagle 66), Yzendoorn, Provan, Yankos (Bozikas 53), Rooney, Campbell, Selemidis, Paton, Cole.

ADELAIDE CITY: Przybylski, Russell, B.Nyskohus, Perin, Jones, Melta, Villani, Marocchi, Fashanu, Northcote, J.Nyskohus.

REFEREE: Bob Mee (had an excellent game and was well in control when play became rough).

Crowd: 4,000.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Adelaide City - Villani (3); Heidelberg - Selemidis (2)

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TREDINNICK TRUMPS

By Keith Gilmour

Jubilant Peter Tredinnick — aided by a deflection — smashed home a 76th minute free kick to give Wollongong City a 1-0 margin over Blacktown City at the Gabbie.

Controversy surrounded the retake following a foul just outside the penalty area.

Referee Jim Reeves ruled that the Demons' wall had advanced before Wolves' midfielder Lee Adam struck a flighted ball that seemed unlikely to go in at any rate.

But Tredinnick drove a daisycutter around the wall, and the deflection left opposing goalkeeper Bruce James without an answer.

Just 15 minutes before, Wollongong midfielder Jim McBreen had failed to a split second to arrive and score from the best chance of the entire match, not five metres from goal in an impossible to miss situation.

These were the two best chances of the entire game. Blacktown made many more

opportunities than the visitors, who had men behind the ball to somehow clear from difficult situations.

Another factor in the Wolves' win was the remarkable work put in by Arno Bertogna, who improves in every match.

Blacktown looked to Paul Burrows and John Djordjevic for a deal of their constructive work and they were rarely let down.

Burrows showed skill and amazing variations of pace.

Djordjevic was the man who handled the midfield. In the first half he excelled in keeping the ball up to his strikers from deep on the right, and after the break he made some demoralising runs that might well have ended in at least one goal.

Wollongong coach Ken Morton played the first half as a striker, then giving way to Kiwi Clive Campbell, who made some effective counter attacks without finding the net.

BLACKTOWN: James, Rasmussen, Cuk, Turner, Pointer, Selva, Djordjevic, Hormazabal, Culina, O'Donnell (Jones 46), Burrows.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Willis, Bertogna, Dunleavy, Ainsworth, Adam, Morton (Campbell 46), De Graaf, Tredinnick, Lathan, McBreen.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Blacktown — Burrows (3); Wollongong — Bertogna (3).

REFEREE: J. Reeves. **Crowd:** 2965.

EAGLES FLY HIGH WITH 10 MEN

By Greg Blake

Footscray's 2-1 victory over Preston at Schintler Reserve had more than a touch of luck about it.

Good luck as a rifling 20-yard drive by Jim O'Reilly slipped through the fingers of Rams' keeper, Lou Kastner, to put them ahead with only three minutes left to play.

Bad luck as two decisions against them by referee, Tim Davies, could easily have cost them a much-needed victory.

Davies sent off burly Eagles defender, Kyri Kyriakoulas, only three minutes after half time, having been deemed to have deliberately handled.

But it was a fighting Footscray victory masterminded by a well-worked off-side trap and highlighted by another solid performance by their defence.

Alan Whittle had a busy game for the Rams but was caught offside far too often.

The Eagles defence soaked up plenty of first half pressure whilst holding a lead taken after only nine minutes of the match when Bruno Cozzella's hard work culminated in the ball rebounding from the goalmouth to a waiting Zoki Illioski who snapped up the opportunity.

Preston also had little to complain about in defence with George McMillan excelling again as sweeper and Danny McCluskey doing everything to suggest his step up from the State league was of no consequence.

But the Rams, still minus Ljube Petrovski, Doug Brown and Gary Ward, lacked cohesion and the only bright spot was the form of new signing, Isaac Farrell, who excelled.

Robbie Cullen scored a fine

opportunistic goal in the 71st minute — only three minutes after Lujic's penalty appeal.

However, Footscray came back again and perhaps not deservedly, but definitely to the delight of their long-suffering supporters, O'Reilly stepped in to score the last gasp winner.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Kyriakoulas (sent off 48), O'Reilly, Kondarios, Milne, Illioski, Kakantonis, Licanin (Hazabent 50), Lujic, Verweij, Cozzella.

PRESTON: Kastner, Beech, McMillan, McCluskey, Rairay (Faulkner 59), Boyle, Farrell, Whittle, O'Leary, Cullen.

Referee: T.Davies. **Crowd:** 5,500.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Footscray - Lujic (3); Preston - Farrell (4)



An anxious moment in the Adelaide City goalmouth as the "old firm" of Gary Cole and Jamie Paton attack for Heidelberg.

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CHANNON BIDS GOODBYE IN STYLE

By Alan Tredinnick

Newcastle KB Raiders defeated Leichhardt Strikers 4-1 at the International Sports Centre.

In the 80th minute of the match Mike Channon left the field knowing that he had kept intact his record of never losing in a guest appearance anywhere in the world.

Mike, along with his touch of class, had a touch of the flu, but it was good that he should step aside with 10 minutes to go. After all, Newcastle faces the immediate future without him.

He started the Raiders scoring in the 10th minute and the Strikers went shell-shocked to the dressing room after conceding two more goals, one in the 16th minute and one in the 23rd.

First Steve Sumner headed home from Channon's free kick which was virtually a corner from the right. Then Bob Mountford was put through by Sumner to hit a lashing left foot drive into the roof of the net.

It was the way the home side put it all together that made the match a memorable one for the rapturous Raiders fans. Sydney City played no better stuff in its heyday.

The ball was pushed first time from Raider to Raider in passing moves that absolutely thrilled the fans.

Channon's goal started with David Jones who won the ball deep on the left and pushed it to Mountford who sent over a long cross. Graham Heys just managed to touch onto

Channon who was free on the right.

Had Strikers crumbled completely it would have been no surprise. As it was anyone could have been forgiven for thinking they had withdrawn their labour in the first half.

To their credit they came out after half time, made one change, Gray for Coyne, and immediately started to dominate play.

In the next 45 minutes O'Connor hit the upright, Bradley hit the bar and Soper had the ball headed off the line. When Soper finally scored in the 70th minute, Raiders might have been in trouble but they held out until Heys and Senkalski played a 1-2 just 14 minutes later that put the result beyond doubt.

It wasn't the end of the action but it did finalise the scoring.

For the winning team Sumner and Senkalski did marvellous things. In the last five minutes Senkalski had the ball on a string. No matter what the Strikers did he came away with it.

These two players are spreading the ball in a way that

is most disconcerting to opponents. They have the vision and the skill to do it.

There were good players on both sides. The two that stood out were Senkalski for Raiders and O'Connor for Strikers. O'Connor worried the defence with his jinking runs and he should have had his name on the score sheet. Just one of his five shots could have been rewarded.

Mike Channon has made it clear that he has great respect

for Senkalski. He went so far as to say that he wished he had seen him a couple of years ago but that he would still have a chance of making the grade in England.

Channon's stay in Newcastle has been a wonderful filip for the KB Raiders. Their crowds have risen 1,000 a game during his guest stint. Fortunately, for the club Ian Buckley has confirmed his fitness after a cartilage operation just 11 weeks ago. He had a run in the youth match and he will be ready to plug the gap left by Channon for the Wollongong match next Sunday.

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Reaney, Tredinnick, Mason, Drinkwater, Sumner, Senkalski, Channon (Kamasz 80), Heys, Mountford (Storey 67), Jones.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, McAusland, Pullen, Wilson, McKie, Soper, Coyne (Gray 45), Butler, Hughes, Kafka, O'Connor. Yellow Card: Tredinnick. Referee: E. Venios. Crowd: 6,850.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Newcastle - Senkalski (4); Leichhardt - O'Connor (3)



Mick Channon



Andy Scott climbs higher than the rest in this action picture from the Sydney Olympic - Brisbane City match.

BENEVOLENT OLYMPIANS

By Alex Vesic

Sydney Olympians continue to be their own worst enemy following their 1-1 draw with Brisbane City at Pratten Park.

From the moment Jim Ziras hit the woodwork in the fourth minute of the game, the 5,216 supporters at Pratten Park saw the writing on the wall. Chances would be created, as in past weeks but alas, who would put the ball in the net remains a mystery!

Martin Coe, the Brisbane keeper had his hands full in the first half making some great saves to deny Olympians the lead. A save from a Ziras scorch in the 26th minute followed by a tremendous stop from a Cross volley minutes later were world class.

However in the second half Coe was helpless on numerous occasions, but the Olympic forward line continued to miss when it looked far more simple to score.

Kenny Wilson skied the ball over the bar in the 47th, then repeated the shot in the 54th with the goal wide open. Derek Laing had his opportunity also in the 47th but shot straight at the keeper from close range. Only a few minutes later, Coe dropped the ball at Laing's feet, but even then the Olympic forward managed to put the ball over the bar.

In the meantime, the visitors from Brisbane showed that grit and determination were not lacking in their play as well as skilful attacking Soccer. They scored as early as the 10th minute. Joe Palinkas took a corner kick from the right

and Ratcliffe was at the far post to nod the ball in, but for some reason, the goal was disallowed and Olympic was awarded a free kick inside the area.

In the 32nd minute, Brisbane City scored again and on this occasion it was given. McVeigh's cross was palmed away by Wilson but straight to the feet of Gaffney who pushed the ball across the box to an unmarked Paul Wilkinson and the tall marksman wasted no time in blasting it into the roof of the net.

In the second half, Olympians replaced Cross with Cotton and things started to look brighter, but the goal which earned Olympic the draw did not come till close to full time, in fact in the 76th minute.

Ian Rowden blasted the ball into the net from close range to make it 1:1 and minutes later, Roy

Cotton latched onto a cross by Katholos to head it past Coe but Billy Wilkinson was on the line to clear away.

Despite Olympic's territorial advantage and numerous mishits in the penalty area, one wonders what the home side would have shown for their effort, had Gaffney scored in the 68th minute following some good work by Joe Palinkas. A cross by Palinkas was brilliantly headed by Gaffney, but Peter Wilson was on the spot to make a great save.

OLYMPIANS: Wilson, Moulis, Ziras, Rowden, Palmer, Cross (Cotton 46), Katholos, Wilson, Laing, Scott, Jennings.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe, Dunne, W. Wilkinson, Gaffney, Ratcliffe, Pimblett, Vincenzino (Perry 80), Caldwell, McVeigh, P. Wilkinson, Palinkas.

REFEREE: Peter Rampley

MAN OF THE MATCH: Sydney Olympians - Ziras 4

Brisbane City - Coe 3

MARK MAKES MARK ON THE MATCH

by David Jack

Mark Jankovics, one of Marconi's several out-of-form international stars, scored the match-winner that upset Sydney City Slickers and also had chances to get two or three more goals.

So how do we sum up the performance by Jankovics? Is he to be chastised for missing easy goalscoring chances - or is he to be congratulated for giving the normally safe Slickers defence so many anxious moments?

Jankovics had a mixed-up sort of a match but at least he showed some fire and aggression in his running reminiscent of the old Jankovics of happier days.

At times, too, his running mates, Eddie Krncevic and Peter Sharne, indicated that they may be on the way to recovering from a dreadfully disappointing period.

If that is so, perhaps the Marconi mob will soon turn the corner and get back on the winning trail.

Of course there are many doubters still. One Marconi official after the game even appeared sad that his team had won. He commented: "One win means nothing but I suppose some people will start saying everything is fine again."

That is hardly the sort of negative response the team deserved after taking two points from one of the outstanding teams in the Philips Soccer League.

Let us not forget that, before the match started, hardly a soul could see anything in it in the way of points for Marconi.

Sydney City were seemingly the popular tip of most people to win the PSL premiership and were confident about knocking over the struggling Marconi. But Eddie Thomson's boys will have to play much better than they did on Sunday if they are to take the title.

The first half was a period of nothingness, producing hardly one shot at goal from two teams who appeared determined to send the 6,000 spectators to sleep.

There was much better stuff to come in the second half. It was only one minute old when Jankovics missed with an easy opening set up by Krncevic. It took a great Todd

Clarke save to keep out a Krncevic header 11 minutes later but Marconi were not to be denied and, within a minute Jankovics scored the only goal of the game from close in - again with help from Krncevic. The "old firm" was back in business!

Jankovics missed yet another simple chance two minutes from time, this one from a left-wing cross by Sharne. It didn't matter. By that time, the points were safely in the Marconi kitty - despite a few spirited late raids by a disappointing Slickers outfit.

Slickers coach Eddie Thomson gave his verdict... "a terrible match."

No doubt Ian Souness would agree with that comment because he was not allowed to take part in anything after the 62nd minute when referee Barry Howard from far-off Perth presented him with a red card.

The West Australian ref also "awarded" five yellow cards as if determined to make the most of his trans-continental expedition.

Allowing for the fact that it was not a great exhibition of the footballing arts, Marconi ought to be well satisfied with the whole affair. They beat a very good side and surely nobody will begrudge them their celebration.

And as one wag observed: "They can pull down the gallows some people were erecting for Raul Blanco."

MARCONI: Maher, Brogan, Degney, Henderson, Jankovics, Byrne, Sharne, Housseini, Krncevic, Mariani, Johnson.

SLICKERS: Clarke, Mullen, Spanos, O'Connor, Bruce, Cant, Watson, Barnes (Robertson 69 mts), Boden, Kosmina, Souness.

REFEREE: B. Harwood.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Marconi - Mariani (3); Slickers - Clarke (3)

ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL TROPHY

As you can see, at the end of every PSL match report, the best player from each team is giving a rating from one to five.

"Why don't we see more five pointers?" you may ask. Well, how many players have you seen walk on water?

Five is an extremely rare rating in the ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL trophy competition — in fact two is a very good rating.

At every Philips League match, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY writers name the top player from each team, and give him a rating along the following lines:

5. Magnificent, brilliant performance
4. Outstanding, match-winning display
3. A great performance
2. Very good
1. Good

WEEKEND



FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS V ADELAIDE HAWKS

DATE: Sunday, July 5. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.

VENUE: Lambert Park.

OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Boskovic. Linesmen - R. Davies, R. Warren.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES V NEWCASTLE RAIDERS

DATE: Sunday, July 5. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.

VENUE: Wollongong Showground.

OFFICIALS: Referee - K. Small. Linesmen - B. Wilkinson, T. Williams.

S. MELBOURNE GUNNERS V BLACKTOWN DEMONS

DATE: Sunday, July 5. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.

VENUE: Middle Park.

OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Yelland. Linesmen - J. Fearn, M. Gaut.

PRESTON RAMS V BRISBANE LIONS

DATE: Sunday, July 5. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.

VENUE: Conner Reserve.

OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Voutsinas. Linesmen - N. Karlich, D. Fokianos.

ADELAIDE GIANTS V FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

DATE: Sunday, July 5. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.

VENUE: Olympic Sports Field.

OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Campbell. Linesmen - G. Neal, K. Stokes.

BRISBANE GLADIATORS V HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

DATE: Sunday, July 5. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.

VENUE: Spencer Park.

OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Nugent. Linesmen - A. Kibbler, W. Turkington.

SYDNEY SLICKERS V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

DATE: Sunday, July 5. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.

VENUE: Sydney Athletic Field.

OFFICIALS: Referee - T. Davies. Linesmen - A. Owens, P. Wood.

CANBERRA ARROWS V MARCONI LEOPARDS

DATE: Sunday, July 5. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.

VENUE: Bruce Stadium.

OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Mee. Linesmen - P. Murphy, N. Murray.

SYDNEY SLICKERS V WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Deferred Round 13 match

DATE: Wednesday, July 1. KICK-OFF: 8.00 pm.

VENUE: St George Stadium.

OFFICIALS: Referee - P. Rampley. Linesmen - K. Small, T. Williams.

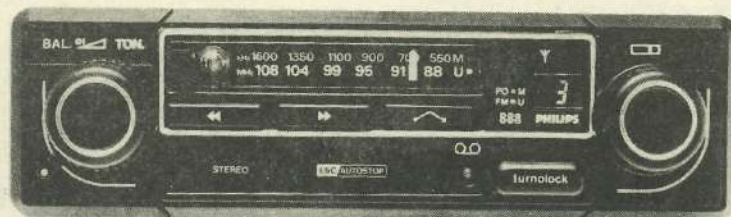


Soccer Terms explained: No. 12

Throw-in.

When the ball crosses the side touch-line, it is "thrown" back into play by a player from the team opposing that of the player who last touched it. The thrower must face the field of play with both feet on or outside the touch-line, and "throw-in" the ball with both hands from behind and over his head.

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

SYDNEY CITY V WOLLONGONG

By John Field

This match is rearranged from Round 13 when it was postponed because of World Cup commitments affecting several players.

Perhaps it would have been better for the Wollongong Wolves if it had been played on the original date because there is little doubt that the City Slickers have improved.

Indeed Slickers coach Eddie Thomson is convinced his side is now dead on course for a second successive PSL premiership. He said so after the serious challenge from Canberra Arrows had been overcome 3-2 at the Athletic Field.

Certainly it is difficult to go past Slickers when attempting a prediction of the result here. They beat Canberra — a better side than Wollongong.

It is a tribute to Slickers team-building when we realise they can keep winning even when robbed of the services of good players like Agenor Muniz and Mark Trenter.

Perhaps the critics expect too much from Wolves. Normally when a team makes its first appearance in a competition — as did Wolves in this year's PSL — the main target is surely survival rather than success.

So long as Wollongong stay well clear of the relegation zone, they will have achieved quite a lot.

As champion "draw" team of the competition, Wollongong will be hoping for one point from this assignment but it looks a forlorn hope. If Slickers are to keep up the momentum which has taken them to within striking distance of the title, they simply must beat teams like Wollongong.

STH MELBOURNE V BLACKTOWN

By John Field

For any people unwise to forecast the results of football matches, this one looks an open and shut case.

If form counts for anything, South Melbourne ought to slaughter Blacktown. Souths have been leading the PSL table for practically the whole season while Blacktown's Demons have been constantly trying to keep clear of the bottom two places and relegation.

South Melbourne have done nothing wrong this year, apart from a semi-lapse a couple of weeks ago when they had trouble winning their games.

The signing of Steve Wooddin from Dunedin City in New Zealand has made a strong team even stronger. Once they get to know each other, Wooddin and Alun Evans are likely to cause all sorts of mayhem in opposing defences.

Blacktown will not be at full strength in defence either. Mike Milovanovic, who was suspended from last Sunday's match against Wollongong, still has one match to serve on his suspension — so he won't play.

Demons coach Rale Rasic is honest enough to admit that his team is not to be classed with giants like South Melbourne or Sydney City but there is still enough genuine endeavour and enthusiasm at Blacktown to give most teams a run for their money.

If Blacktown win next Sunday, it will be the turn-up of the season. I don't think it will happen and I tip a South Melbourne victory.

WOLLONGONG V NEWCASTLE

By Phil Murphy

The steel cities stage their first PSL clash in Wollongong on Sunday, and Wolves coach Ken Morton is hoping his players can recapture some of the enthusiasm they showed earlier in the season.

The Wolves' recent form hasn't been impressive, but this game probably won't be decided on form.

Ray Baartz has Newcastle firing well, with Joe Senkalski showing some of his old skills and the defence is playing well despite Arno Bertogna's "defection" to the Wolves.

Steve Summer has taken over his role of midfield general for Newcastle since returning from New Zealand and is in top form.

For Wollongong, a lot will depend on the Chris Dunleavy-Bertogna combination, but there is a chance Bill de Graaf will be in the side as sweeper and Dunleavy switched to a full-back role.

Wollongong's problem has been a lack of firepower up-front and Morton will have to remedy this if they are to win this one.

Their midfield play is hard to fault, but there is no penetration once they reach the opposing penalty area.

The game should provide 90 minutes of non-stop action and draw the Wolves' biggest crowd of the season.

ADELAIDE CITY V FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

By Tom McKain

When they met in the first half of the season it was a 1-1 draw in Melbourne between Footscray Eagles and Adelaide Giants.

On Sunday, Giants will be expecting to run riot at home to keep pressure on the leaders, and maintain their own challenge for the title.

While the Eagles will parade their contingent of Yugoslav imports — Nebojsa Licanin, Ilija Petkovic and Zdradko Lujic — Giants will be content with English superstar Justin Fashanu, plus their homegrown talent.

Indeed, they would have taken the field just as confident even if they had not secured Fashanu as a guest.

With Socceroo striker David Mitchell returning after the visit to New Caledonia with the National Youth team, Giants have tremendous scoring potential down the middle with Mitchell and Fashanu towering

figures who can interchange at will, having struck up a quick understanding.

While Footscray will no doubt turn on their own brand of ballplay, it shouldn't be good enough to stop the home side, which is charging to a new top-scoring record — at least that's their aim, apart from winning the title and the Philips Cup.

Coach Bob D'Ottavi is now able to sit four men on his bench who are all capable of stepping into the team without it losing momentum.

The pressure is all on Footscray, who may yet find themselves struggling to avoid relegation.

And if they try for a draw by taking up a defensive stance Giants are sure to punish them.

However, they are just as likely to suffer the same fate if they push too far forward.

Either way — on form — Eagles can't win this one.

SYDNEY CITY V SYDNEY OLYMPIC

By Eddie Schwarz

When old rivals (old enemies?) meet, anything can happen. These teams had many a bitter battle in the old days when they were better known as Hakoah and Pan Hellenic.

Only the names have been changed. The rivalry still persists and it will surely be evident again next Sunday at the Sydney Athletic Field.

It has been something of a stop-start season for the City Slickers. They've turned in a few dud performances plus several which indicate they are the best side in Australia.

The same could be said of Sydney Olympic. At their best, they play exciting, match-winning, football. Trouble is, they squander far too many chances in front of goal — and concede some silly goals.

So if consistency is the name of the game, the Slickers will have a slight edge in this match.

Whatever magic Tommy Docherty worked with Olympic has now departed to Preston North End. His players, particularly the young ones like Peter Katholos, Jim Ziras and Peter Wilson, admit they miss The Doc. New coach Doug Collins has a hard act to follow.

John Kosmina has been a considerable gain for Slickers this year, after spending a few years struggling to hit top form. He is a slippery centre-forward who might well be the man to cause Olympic maximum problems.

The prediction? Sydney City to get home, possibly with ease.

BRISBANE GLADIATORS V HEIDELBERG

By Wally Bruce

Will the "Magic of McKendry" be responsible for Brisbane City's first loss at Spencer Park this season, when the Gladiators host the Warriors on Sunday?

Heidelberg, as could be expected, have had a dramatic uplift in fortunes since Len McKendry has stepped back into the fray.

But now that City have managed to get through the first round undefeated, they are unlikely to capitulate easily, and they still have the memory of that recent 4-0 thrashing of Marconi in their minds.

Coach George Potter is certain to gain some capital about reminding City that they had a rather startling victory over Heidelberg at home last season — to the tune of 7-0.

It may be interesting to note, however, that five of those goals in that match were

scored by Barry Kelso (a hat-trick), Kevin Low and Mark Brusasco, and none of them appeared for City in recent matches.

But John McVeigh is gradually emerging as one of City's most consistent front-runners and his combination with Paul Wilkinson (six goals so far) and the hard-working Joe Palinkas could tell the tale for City.

Potter may well have a problem in that Steve Perry will be ready for a comeback and Bobby Hamilton will have served his suspension, so what does he do with the invaluable Kevin Caldwell and young David Vincenzino, who scored the first goal against Marconi?

The big danger sign for City is that, under McKendry, Gary Cole and Jamie Paton are showing signs of renewing their deadly striking combination of last season.

LEICHHARDT V WEST ADELAIDE

By Keith Gilmour

Leichhardt's climb up the ladder has been one of the highlights of the 1981 PSL season.

To face lowly West Adelaide at Lambert Park upon superficial examination could be held to mean a certain two points.

But that is not the Hawks way of looking at it. They will fight the relegation that stares them in the face every inch of the way.

The return of Manecas in good form, the recovery from injury of Con Kambas and the signing of Peter Kowalski and Vic Smythe have made them look a lot stronger than they were last season or early in this one.

And then there is the grand form of goalkeeper Martyn Crook, who belatedly seems to be receiving the recognition that his prowess deserved much earlier indeed.

Coach Peter Jaksa refers to Shraga Topaz as the Hawks' own "Beckenbauer". And so a lowly outfit assumes, if not a mantle of greatness, then certainly one of great competitiveness and will to win.

Willie Wallace has that \$20,000 man, Baz Giampaolo, back on the job, but as it stands he will find it difficult to shift Tony Morsello or Marshall Soper on a full-time basis.

They appear just as much fixtures in the team as does Phil O'Connor, Australia's form winger of the moment.

The Strikers' defence operates as a solid unit, and with Zdenko Kafka and Terry Butler operating in midfield and probably with Alan Hughes as well, the Hawks will find it hard to cart a point back to crowwater land, much as they will try to uplift it.

CANBERRA V MARCONI

By Steve Burns

Fallen maestros Marconi, deep in crisis, and Canberra Arrows, desperately struggling to stay in contention with the top five, are Sunday's protagonists at Bruce Stadium.

Never has the clash produced anything but exciting Soccer.

Canberra would be looking for one of the season's best games — and their first ever clean sweep over the men from Bossley Park.

Early in the 1981 season Canberra trounced Marconi in Sydney — a defeat many said was the beginning of Marconi's slide down the table.

Others would say it was lack of application and the constant loss of key players through national team duty or injury.

Whatever the reason Canberra can have every confidence of making it a clean sweep. No team has a better record than Canberra's against Marconi.

Again ex-Canberra favourite Tony Henderson will be expected to try to lift the Sydneysiders to victory.

His team mates of old — particularly Terry Byrne and Roy Stark — will think differently.

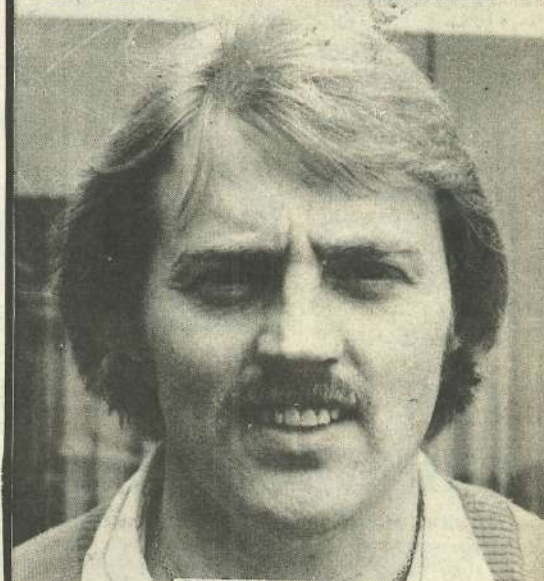
Canberra will attack as coach George Murray sees no virtue in defensive Soccer. They will play to win.

Marconi, like Canberra, can't afford a draw. Maximum points are vital to both.

Marconi's fierce attacking foursome, Krncevic, Sharne, Mariani and Jankovics, on form must be amongst the very best strike-forces in Australia. Yet rarely has it delivered the goods this year.

But even those fearsome forwards will be worth watching, as equally will the skills and effort of Canberra's attack.

A balanced game, even squads and flowing, open Soccer. No matter the outcome what a setting for an afternoon of sheer football enjoyment — and depending on your point of view, smiles and maybe tears.



PETER OLLERTON

PRESTON V BRIS. LIONS

By Greg Blake

At the risk of sounding parochial I'm going for Preston to down Brisbane Lions at Conner Reserve this Sunday.

OK, Lions are still in the running for a place in the top four and Preston, it seems, are in very real danger of finishing in the relegation area.

But take my word for it that they won't.

The Rams have an enviable array of talent at the club and, dare I say it, possibly the nucleus of a premiership side.

The only way they can go is up and believe you me, Preston's new coach, Peter Ollerton, has won the respect of his former team-mates from the word go.

Over the past 10 nightmare weeks confidence has been down.

Team morale has been at its lowest ebb and the club's supporters have found it difficult to adjust to being a small-fry in the national league rather than State League top dogs as they were in 1980.

The Rams have also suffered more than their fare share of injuries and suspension. Indeed suspensions have cost the team dearly.

Doug Brown and Claude Lucchessi, for example, were both out for the Heidelberg game a fortnight ago.

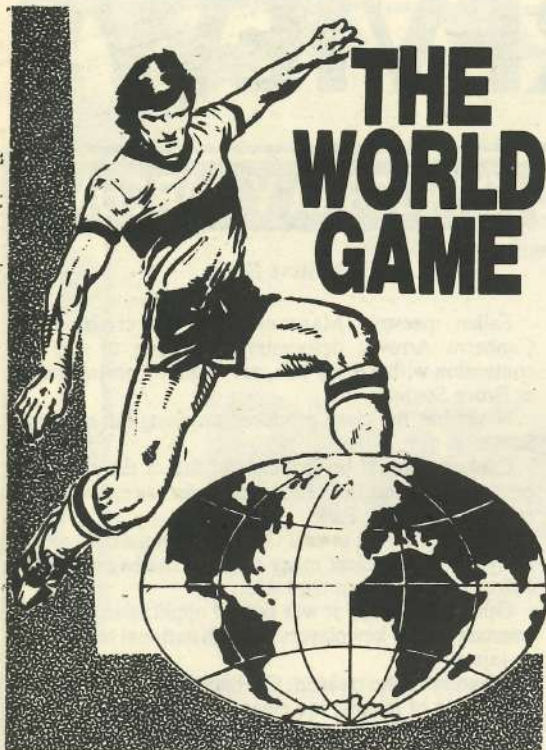
They returned to the side one week later — as two others went out.

And that has been the story all season as far as the Rams are concerned.

There's no questioning the ability of the visiting Lions.

However, they haven't won away from home this season to date and I feel they have little chance of opening their account on the wind-swept pitch at Broadhurst Avenue.

The Rams are going to return to form in a big way soon, and it could be this Sunday.



FIFA MOVES ON CLUB TOURS

FIFA is to receive a report which will have far-reaching consequences for club teams which go on tour in future.

Soccer's world ruling body is to get an official complaint from an American company about the strength of the tour team Manchester United sent to the Far East.

As reported in last week's ASW, three United stars, Jimmy Nicholl, Sammy McIlroy and Micky Thomas ducked out of the tour at the last minute.

Scottish international Gordon McQueen had already been left off the tour party through injury while Ray Wilkins was given permission to stay at home because his wife wasn't well.

Now the U.S. agent who organised the tour says he will refuse to pay United their \$40,000 a match guarantee.

He said: "We feel Manchester United failed to fulfil the conditions of the contract concerning the strength of their squad."

If FIFA agree with that claim, United will lodge a counter-claim that the tour organisers made many changes to the itinerary.

Manchester United chairman Martin Edwards said his club would make a full inquiry into the reasons for Nicholl, McIlroy and Thomas missing the trip.

Mr Edwards also said the inquiry could wait until players report back for training in July. "We are not regarding it as a matter of urgency," he said.

Other people, however, believe the matter is most urgent.

POLITICIANS PICK ON PERU

Keep politics out of sport — that's the old catch cry. In Peru, it might be more appropriate to keep politicians out of sport!

Three ministers in the Peruvian Government have complained officially that the national team is not ready to tackle Colombia and Uruguay in World Cup qualifying matches.

The Group Two Cup games start on July 26.

Now the ministers for Labour, Defence and Education have stated that Peru's team is short of skill and half of the players in it are not worthy of international selection.

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SPAIN SHOOTS AHEAD

The World Cup in Spain will be played in 14 cities and at 17 stadiums.

FIFA president Joao Havelange has been inspecting many of the facilities and expressed great enthusiasm and admiration for the advanced state of preparation in the country.

This World Cup will be in expert hands, of course. Chairman of the Organising Committee for FIFA is Hermann Neuberger while the Spanish Organising Committee is Raimundo Saporta. The Cup could not be blessed with better administrators.

★ ★ ★



João Havelange F.I.F.A. President

IT'S ANOTHER SPRINGBOK ROW

South Africa's attempts to get back into international Soccer were squashed by a FIFA ruling which warned players they faced suspension if they played in the proposed "international" against the Springboks.

A team from Britain, including well-known players like Jim Platt, Sammy Nelson, and Joe Royle, was lined up for several games in South Africa — but they won't play now.

South Africa was expelled from FIFA some years ago and it is an offence for any players from countries in FIFA to play in South Africa.

Despite this, the Springbok tour organisers keep insisting they will go ahead with the matches.

POLISH CUP

Legia Warsaw won the Polish Cup when they beat Pogon Szczecin 1-0 after extra-time.

TAIWAN GETS FIRST WIN

Taiwan beat Indonesia 2-0 in a World Cup Oceania match at the Taipei Stadium.

The result had no effect on positions in the Group where New Zealand has an outright lead in the Oceania section of the World cup elimination series.

Taiwan's first goal (31st minute) was from Duh Deng-Chyen, a header.

Lo Jyn-Tson scored the second goal for a 2-0 half-time lead.

OCEANIA WORLD CUP GROUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	7	5	2	0	18	3	12
Australia	4	2	1	1	8	7	5
Fiji	3	1	1	1	2	5	3
Taiwan	6	1	1	4	5	8	3
Indonesia	6	1	1	4	1	11	3

PORTUGAL LOSE TO SWEDEN

Sweden beat Portugal 3-0 in a European Group Six World Cup match.

Scorers were Bo Boerjesson, Glenn Hysen and Jan Svensson, with the Swedes leading 1-0 at half-time.

The result came as a surprise, as Portugal were early favourites for the group.

NOT THE BEST OF BEST

Calgary in Canada is where the biggest rodeo (stampede) is held every year — but there wasn't much of a stampede there when George Best played in front of only 11,000 spectators for San Diego against Calgary.

In a newspaper report of the match, Best was not even worthy of a mention.

And before the game, the preview dealt with Best's 36th birthday than with his Soccer prowess.

BARCELONA'S 19TH CUP

Barcelona will be Spain's representatives in next season's European Cup Winners Cup.

They made sure of their place when they beat Sporting Gijon in the Spanish Cup Final played in Madrid. The result was 3-1.

The talented Quini, who was kidnapped for several weeks by criminals, scored two of Barcelona's goals.

Barcelona have won the Cup 19 times. It was the first time Gijon had even appeared in the Final.

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HOW THEY FINISHED 1980-81 HONOURS

COUNTRY

Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Czechoslovakia
Denmark
England
East Germany
Finland
France
Greece
Holand
Italy
Luxembourg
Hungary
Malta
Portugal
Scotland
Spain
Switzerland
Sweden
USSR
Yugoslavia
Norway

CHAMPIONS

Austria Vienna
Anderlecht
C.S.K.A.
Banik Ostrava
KB Copenhagen
Aston Villa
Dynamo Berlin
OPS Oulu
St Ettiene
Olympiakos
Alkmaar AZ '67
Juventus
Niedercorn
Ferencváros
Hibernians
Benfica
Celtic
Real Sociedad
Zurich
Oesters Vaexjoe
Dynamo Kiev
Red Star
Start Kristiansad

CUP WINNERS

Standard Liege
Trakia Plovdiv
Dukla Prague
Vejle
Tottenham
Lokomotive Leipzig
Paleseuro
Bastia
Olympiakos (PAOK)*
Alkmaar AZ (Ajax)*
Roma
Jeunesse Esch
Vasas
Benfica (Porto)*
Glasgow Rangers
Barcelona
Lausanne
Kaalmar FF
CSKA Rostov
Velez
Vaalerengen

* (Teams in brackets will play in 1981-82 Cup Winners Cup)

NASL		
Minnesota Kicks — Dallas Tornado		4-0
Tampa Bay Rowdies — California Surf		3-2
Vancouver Whitecaps — Edmonton Drillers		3-2
Los Angeles Aztecs — San Jose Earthquakes		2-1
Atlanta Chiefs — San Diego Sockers		1-0 (shoot out)
Fort Lauderdale Strikers — Jacksonville Tea Men		2-1 (shoot out)
Portland Timbers — Tulsa Roughnecks		1-0 (shoot out)
Seattle Sounders — Montreal Manic		2-1 (shoot out)

HUNGARY

Vasas Budapest won the Hungarian Cup when they beat Diosgyoer 1-0 in the final.

Hungarian clubs for the 1981-82 European Cup competitions:

Champions cup: Ferencvaros

Cup winners cup: Vasas

UEFA cup: Tatabanya and Videoton

four points ahead of Levski Spartak on the final day of the season.

Levski Spartak 2 Sliven 0

Trakia 4 Spartak 3

CSKA Sofia 3 Chernomorec 1

Lokomotiv 2 Slavia 2

Mineur 1 Akademik 0

Marek 5 Belassitsa 1

Pirine 3 Botev 1

Chernomorets 3 Beroe 1

Final league standings:

CSKA Sofia 40 pts, Levski Spartak 36, Trakia 35, Akademik 34, Spartak 31, Slavia 29, Chernomorec 39.

★ ★ ★

BULGARIA

CSKA Sofia finished the Bulgarian championship



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YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	GD
Marconi	16	10	2	4	43	15	24	+28
Leichhardt	15	10	2	3	38	18	23	+20
A.I.S.	16	9	4	3	40	24	21	+16
Newcastle	16	8	3	5	34	29	21	+5
Sydney City	15	5	5	5	34	23	15	+11
Sydney Olympians	16	5	6	5	21	20	15	+1
Wollongong City	16	5	10	1	24	42	11	-22
Blacktown City	14	2	11	1	18	35	5	-17
Canberra City	12	0	11	1	8	50	1	-42

RESULTS:

BLACKTOWN CITY 1 WOLLONGONG CITY 3
NEWCASTLE 1 LEICHHARDT 1
MARCONI 1 SYDNEY CITY 1
CANNBERRA CITY vs A.I.S. Postponed

Only three matches were played in the A.Y.L. last weekend. In the feature match of the round, second-place Leichhardt travelled to Newcastle, where they shared the points in a hard fought match. Substitute John McKir scored the equaliser for the Sydneysiders.

The Leichhardt side should have had the comfort of both points for the trip home, after hitting the woodwork on four occasions.

In Sydney the Slickers took on league leaders Marconi at Marconi Oval. This was also a tight tussle ending in a 1-1 draw. The Slickers took the lead early in the second half after the linesman had ruled the ball over the line in a goalmouth scrummage.

However the young Leopards replied through a well-taken goal by Tommy McCulloch, son of former Pan Hellenic stalwart George McCulloch.

In the final match of the round, Wollongong travelled to Gabbie Stadium where the visiting "wolf cubs" were too strong for the Blacktown "imps", running out winners 3-1.

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1:

A.I.S. v Wollongong St George Stadium (6.00 pm)

SUNDAY, JULY 5:

Leichhardt v A.I.S. Lambert Park
Wollongong v Newcastle KB Wollongong Show Ground
Sydney City v Sydney Olympic Sydney Athletic Field
Canberra v Marconi Bruce Stadium
Blacktown City — bye

— Peter Russell

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER



BARRIER JOINS SCHOOLS TOURNEY

The Barrier has entered the Open Division of the NSW Primary Schools Soccer Championship for the first time.

So the boys from Broken Hill will travel through to Armidale for the matches from July 14/16 — what a trip!

There will be 12 regions represented at the matches, to be played at Wicklow Park.

Champions Hunter have been placed in Pool A along with St George, South Coast, Liverpool, North West and Western NSW.

Competing in Group B are Metropolitan West, Central Metropolitan, North Coast, Riverina, North Sydney and Barrier. Eight regions have entered under 10, to be held over the same dates at Sydney's outer north-western boom suburb

Kellyville.

The draw is:

Pool A: Hunter; Metropolitan West; North West; Central Metropolitan.

Pool B: Liverpool; St George; North Sydney; Metropolitan West B.

"POP" WILLIAMS — 88 NOT OUT

At 88 years of age "Pop" Williams set out from his home at Minto, near Campbelltown NSW, for Ashfield and Pratten Park to see Tommy Docherty in charge of Olympic for their last Philips League match.

No longer a driver, he did the trip by train and walked to the ground from Ashfield station.

"Pop" was for much of his life a legend in Sydney junior Soccer.

He ran games as a referee every Saturday, and was instrumental in forming many clubs.

He finished up as an active referee in Bankstown.

At 82 he controlled his last games — a whole five of them that day in 1975!

Prior to Bankstown he had been an active referee in Canterbury, Gladesville-Hornsby, Western Suburbs, Southern Districts and the Protestant Churches Associations.

I knew him well in the days in which he helped Gladesville Association to build up. He aided in the formation of clubs and assisted with representative teams as well.

I played alongside his son Kelvin in Metropolitan League Soccer. Proudly he has seen him go on to become a professor in languages in South Australia.

His daughter was the moving light behind the formation of the strong Roselea Soccer Club, near Carlingford. What a record of service for junior Soccer!

—Keith Gilmour



A young player in New Zealand on the ball. Tremendous strides have been made in Kiwi junior Soccer over the past 25 years.

YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 18

GROUP 1

	U14	U15	U16
Illawarra v Bankstown	2-0	3-0	0-4
St George v Blacktown City	3-1	3-0	1-1
Sydney Olympic v Croatia	6-1	0-2	1-1
Melita v Baulkham Hills	1-0	0-5	2-0
Leichhardt v South & East	5-1	3-2	1-1
Gladesville v Polonia	0-0	0-0	3-1

GROUP 2

	1-1	1-0	5-1
Sutherland v Nepean	1-1	1-0	5-1
Marconi v Riverwood	3-0	6-1	2-1
Ku-ring-gai v Central Coast	1-0	2-0	1-0
Canterbury v Avala	1-1	6-2	9-0
Manly v Blacktown Assn.	2-1	11-0	1-0
Southern Dists - Bye			

POINT SCORE

GROUP 1

U14: Sydney Olympic 33, Illawarra 26, Leichhardt 26, Gladesville 24, St George 24, Melita 15, Polonia 14, Blacktown City 13, Bankstown 13, Southern & Eastern 8, Baulkham Hills 8, Croatia 6.

U15: St George 31, Leichhardt 30, Illawarra 25, Gladesville 22, Blacktown City 21, Croatia 20, Baulkham Hills 17, Polonia 13, Bankstown 12, Southern & Eastern 8, Sydney Olympic 7, Melita 4.

U16: Leichhardt 30, Blacktown City 30, St George 24, Gladesville 21, Southern & Eastern 20, Sydney Olympic 19, Melita 18, Bankstown 13, Illawarra 11, Croatia 11, Polonia 9, Baulkham Hills 2.

GROUP 2

U14: Ku-ring-gai 31, Marconi 26, Manly 25, Canterbury 22, Sutherland 20, Blacktown Assn. 18, Central Coast 17, Southern Dists. 16, Nepean 14, Avala 10, Riverwood 5.

U15: Sutherland 32, Marconi 27, Canterbury 27, Nepean 22, Manly 22, Avala 18, Riverwood 17, Central Coast 13, Ku-ring-gai 13, Blacktown Assn. 9, Southern Dists. 2.

U16: Canterbury 32, Sutherland 26, Marconi 24, Manly 22, Southern Dists. 21, Blacktown Assn. 19, Riverwood 16, Ku-ring-gai 16, Avala 13, Nepean 9, Central Coast 6.

ROUND 19 (Saturday, July 4):

GROUP 1

Gladesville-Hornsby v Illawarra	Balgownie
Bankstown v Blacktown City	Soccer Centre
St George v Leichhardt	Peakhurst
Polonia v Croatia	St Johns
Sydney Olympic v Baulkham Hills	Ted Horwood
Melita v Southern & Eastern	Beverly Park

GROUP 2

Nepean v Marconi	Marconi Oval
Riverwood v Central Coast	Mona Park
Sutherland v Avala	Bates Drive
Canterbury v Blacktown Assoc.	Arlington Oval
Manly v Southern District	Ernie Smith
Ku-ring-gai - bye	

NSW METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Round 6

	U10	U11	U12	U13
Central Coast v South & East	—	0-2	3-1	0-4
Manly v Canterbury	0-2	2-3	2-3	0-0
Gladesville v Ku-ring-gai	—	5-0	2-0	0-2
Bankstown v Sutherland	—	2-0	1-1	0-2
St George v Granville	1-6	4-0	0-3	4-0
Blacktown v Nepean	0-5	0-3	0-4	0-1
Illawarra - bye				

ROUND 9 (Sunday, July 5):

Ku-ring-gai v Manly	Asquith
Nepean v Gladesville	Cook Park
Sutherland v St George	Peakhurst
Bankstown v Illawarra	George Green
Granville v Southern & Eastern	Murray Farm
Central Coast v Canterbury	Punchbowl
Blacktown - bye	

UNDER 16 NIGHT K.O.

Wednesday, July 1 at Garside Park
6.15 pm Blacktown Assn v Sydney Olympic
7.30 pm Wilhelmina v Melita
8.30 pm Illawarra v Penshurst West

PRIMARY SCHOOLS AT THE GABBIE

Dunlop have come in to provide the Dunlop Trophy for the Australian Primary Schools Soccer Carnival.

They will also supply the winners with medals, to travel bags to all boys competing in the series.

Matches will be held at the Gabbie Stadium Blacktown from August 23/28.

As part of a very big promotion, the PSAAA will stage the Umbro Shield Final at the same venue on August 27.

Umbro have come in to supply new strips to the winning team and runners-

up, and also all footballs for the matches.

Convenor Richard Lorenc said: "The support from these companies is tremendous."

"All we lack now is one overall sponsor to supplement the help we are already receiving."

Primary schools Soccer will receive some excellent cover in the Captain Socceroo session on the 0/28 Network. The camera crew will visit Boronia Park Public School to film the organising of primary school Soccer within the school. In August they will cover the Australian carnival.

NSW & VIC U15s TO PAN-PACIFIC TITLES

By Steve Burns

New South Wales and Victoria — and possibly at least two other States — will send State Under 15 squads to compete in next year's prestigious Pan-Pacific Under 15 Championships in New Zealand.

But already — because of the cost — Western Australia and the ACT have bowed out of sending teams to compete.

Several thousand dollars are involved in sending a squad to New Zealand for the week-long tournament.

The ASF's Director of Youth Development, Mr Brian Emery, said that South Australia, Queensland and Northern

NSW had yet to indicate whether they would or would not be sending teams.

"It is a matter of money — or the lack of it... plus the fact that we are still to hold our own Australian Under 15 titles in 1982," Mr Emery said.

"They will be held some time in August/September at an as yet undecided venue."

The New Zealand Pan-Pacific championships will be held during New Zealand's 1982 May school holidays.

New Zealand will be competing with separate North and South Island teams while Fiji, Tahiti and Papua New Guinea will be sending their national Under 15 squads.

Competition is expected to be fierce.

ACT sources said that they had been bitterly disappointed at not being able to send a team.

"We just couldn't afford the cost of competing in that plus the Australian Under 15 titles in the one year," a spokesman said.

"I know it doesn't help youth development but the decision had to be made."

"We also have to

consider costs related to the expense of other national champions in which we will be competing in the same year."

Sources said for the same reason it was possible that Northern NSW may also decide it cannot afford to send a team.

The situation in South Australia and Queensland has yet to be tested.

CANBERRA'S EXCITING YOUTH ACADEMY

By Steve Burns

Canberra, Australia's tiniest Soccer State, will soon have its own Academy of Soccer.

And thanks go to one of the back-room boys of ACT Soccer — Italian migrant, Mr Gianni D'Addario. It was he who conceived the idea, sold it to the ACT Soccer Federation, will bring it to fruition and oversee it as the academy's first director.

All voluntarily, of course.

Appeal

As the famous department store advertisement goes, "there are no fancy overheads", by way of expensive buildings or exorbitant registration fees.

But the concept is comprehensive and has widespread appeal.

The academy will be limited to boys in the Under-13 to Under-16 age group. Once members of the academy, they will be given an integrated instruction course that includes:

- the fundamentals, and how to improve basic skills;
- referee training courses culminating with the award of a class three referee's certificate;
- Soccer coaching technique course leading to the award of the ASF's intermediate certificate.

Each year the registration fee is \$40 (to cover administration, accommodation and a host of other costs) and that provides the academy trainees with one night of special coaching a week and one weekend in four at the academy receiving the bulk of the special skills and referees and coaching certificate instruction.

The one weekend in four approach means a simple alternation of the four age groups so that the academy is in use every weekend.

The academy will be housed at a well-known Canberra

gymnasium which has already been booked for the weekend sessions.

It will accommodate a maximum of 32 boys each weekend in each of the four age groups with the boys coming into camp immediately after their games every Saturday and returning home on the Sunday afternoon.

Big hit

It is believed to be one of the most comprehensive — yet cheap — courses of its type available in Australia.

Certainly, with minimum fanfare, it has proved a big hit and the initial intake from Canberra's current Under 14 squad is due to begin work in the next few weeks.

The ACT Director of Coaching, Mr Les Bee, will co-ordinate the training and will be backed up by a number of other Canberra coaches — again on a voluntary basis.

Gianni D'Addario said in a special AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY interview: "Canberra has needed something like this for many years."

"We can't expect to have our own academy for many years — if at all, if it means building a building especially for the purpose."

"This was the next best thing. It cuts costs yet lays emphasis where it should be given — in the course content and the breath of its appeal and usefulness."

Mr D'Addario believes that everyone in Soccer has welcomed the idea and will give it their support, coaches, referees and administrators.

"We don't intend to make it easy — we want it to be a course of excellence that quickly proves its value because of the skill and accomplishments of its end products," Mr D'Addario said.

It seems like an idea that could — should — catch on.



This fine action shot comes from a recent junior match between Penrith RSL (dark shirt clearing the ball) and Concord United of Willmott played at Willmott.

WILL THE REAL CHARLIE PLEASE STAND UP?

Recently we printed the harrowing tale of that under 10 player who said: "My name is Charlie . . ."

Little did we know that his originator was so close to home.

No sooner had ASW hit the street than our own Don Balmain, whose column "With the Girls" is Australia's most authoritative on women's Soccer, was all but claiming the copyright!

Says Don: "I originally wrote the story about 10 years ago when I was editor of the Manly-Warringah 'Soccer Post'."

"The names have been changed about a bit but the story is essentially what I wrote."

"It was done by me as an editorial to try to shame the parents of a lad in my team into doing something other than sit on their collective butts and let the club mind their kid on a Saturday morning."

"It happened to be my task to run 'X' home after the game, and, what is

more, see that he could get into the house."

"Funny how things come round again."

Funny indeed, Don, in more ways than one. Got any more junior tales like that which you don't need for your own column?

LEE ON THE MOVE

Well-known Sydney youth coach David Lee is in Bundaberg for two weeks for youth coaching sessions on behalf of the Bundaberg Soccer Association.

His next stint is in Armidale, where he will assist the school teachers involved in the NSW Primary Schools inter-zone championship, which include representative teams drawn from all over the State.

A TIMELY WARNING!

One of the Sydney Associations apparently believes strongly in the old adage — If you can't be a footballer, well look like one . . .

"The Association is concerned about the appearance of some of our All Age teams."

Players are turning out in multi-coloured Board Shorts and odd coloured socks.

Your club can be fined if players are not correctly attired.

You have been warned!!!!

WATCH OUT FOR GENOVESE, BARKER & PARRISH

By Keith Gilmour

The NSW under 16 team that was prepared for the abortive Australian titles contained some real talent.

Amongst the players who distinguished themselves was Tony Genovese, a stocky striker from Leichhardt who knows the way to goal with unerring accuracy.

Another lad who looks certain to be a topline is Geoff Barker, the Manly striker.

And goalkeeper Mike Parrish from Melita has tremendous potential.

All the boys gave up four days of their school holidays to gather together for constant training under David Lee — a mark of their keenness.

Not to mention the lad who did not make the final squad, but travelled 20 kilometres from Petersham to each training sessions.

The full squad, which we were asked to record by reader F. Phillips of Liverpool, is:

Frank Ursino (Melita), Mike Parrish (Melita), Vito Zurlo (Leichhardt), Andy Beckers (Bankstown), Louis Techera (Canterbury), David Smirthwaite (Avala), Graham Patterson (Southern Districts),

Dominic Casey (Marconi), David Falzon (Blacktown

City), Geoff Barker (Manly), Ken Slavski (St George), Fernando Gesto (St George), John Gregson (Melita), Stephen Mahoney

(Leichhardt), Tony Genovese (Leichhardt), Gary van Egmond (Leichhardt).

The team was coached by David Lee and managed by Dick Bates.

YOUNG NEPEAN STARS



Leonay, in the Emu Plains area near Penrith and the foothills of the Blue Mountains, produces its share of outstanding Soccer players.

Two who shone recently were Leonay Public School vice-captain Paul Hayward and Ian McClarnon.

They were members of the Nepean under 12 team that won the May under 12 tournament at Punchbowl, and which included top teams from Sydney, NSW country and interstate.

They won the final 2-1 over Canterbury at Punchbowl Oval.

JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's SoccerSkills in book form, it is available from:

Queensland Newspapers, Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, 4006.

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SOCCER SKILL

with JIM HERMISTON

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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

TWO PENALTIES, ONE GOAL

SUTHERLAND - MELITA

0-1

Farrugia

By Brad Earl

Tony Bush ill, Bob McPherson dropped half an hour before kick-off, Steve Meades sent off, Ray Farrugia scoring a penalty, Ray Farrugia giving away a penalty, Nigel Groome missing a penalty... they were just some of the happenings at Seymour Shaw on Sunday when Melita beat Sutherland 1-0.

The game was a real midfield battle, with both defences having a fair bit of work to do as well. Few open chances were created, with Sutherland only getting in one really good effort all afternoon, when Andy Connor's shot was parried over the bar by Terry Greedy.

Melita had a few half chances, with the best falling to Ray Farrugia in the last minute of the first half. The ball was headed down to him from a corner, but his shot was blocked on the line by Sutherland full-back Brandt Cashman.

In the 67th minute, Farrugia provided Don Allan with a chance, but his shot went wide of the post.

Three minutes later, as Steve Meades passed back to his keeper, Mal Haynes, Allan tried to bustle his way to the ball, knocking Meades as he was going through, and Meades swung at his head.

Referee Henry Witschge pulled the red card out of his pocket, Meades trudged off and Witschge pointed to the penalty spot.

The charge for the send-off was alleged "violent conduct — striking an opponent", but Meades claimed he only pushed Allan in the back of the head with an open hand, and didn't punch him.

Farrugia calmly converted the kick, but nine minutes later he gave one away, when the ball struck his arm near the post. Nigel Groome stepped up to take the penalty, but his light shot was well intercepted by Greedy, and Melita went on to win the game.

Overall it was a very even game, and Sutherland could consider themselves unlucky. However they were very thin up-front, as Tony Bush was ill, and his brother Paul was playing a virtual lone hand, with Andy Connor and Kevin Cooper not doing much at all.

Meades played well in midfield for the Sharks, and the defence played capably, with Vic Dal Forno and Graham Donnelly very strong in the middle.

Melita had to make major positional changes half an hour before the game, when Bobby McPherson was dropped by the club because of a contractual dispute. Greg McCoy moved from the right side of defence to the left, midfielder Mike Berry slotted in at right-back, and Ray Farrugia fell back deeper in midfield for Hector Martinez to come in.

"It was a better team

effort, particularly considering the three positional changes made at 2.35 pm. Sutherland only had one shot at goal, and Terry Greedy had that covered. Greedy was outstanding. Farrugia, Stoddart, Loxley... the whole team played well," Melita coach Vic Dalgleish said.

Tony Loxley, after eight months out of the game, certainly looked the goods at centre-back, with Paul



RAY FARRUGIA

Daley shining once more at sweep. Farrugia did a lot of work in midfield, as did Terry Jones up-front.

YOUNGSTERS SHINE FOR RIVERWOOD

RIVERWOOD - AVALA

3-0

Tracey, Bulloch, Turnbull og

By John Economos

Riverwood, after a scoreless first half, ended up with both points when they defeated Avala 3-0 at Hurstville Oval.

The first half was a drab affair with lack of concentration applied by both teams. In fact hardly a chance was created by either side.

It wasn't until the 53rd minute that the goal-drought was broken, and this was from a great solo effort by Riverwood's left midfielder, Andy Tracey. He broke away, veered into the box to score nicely past the Avala keeper, Peter Ahrens.

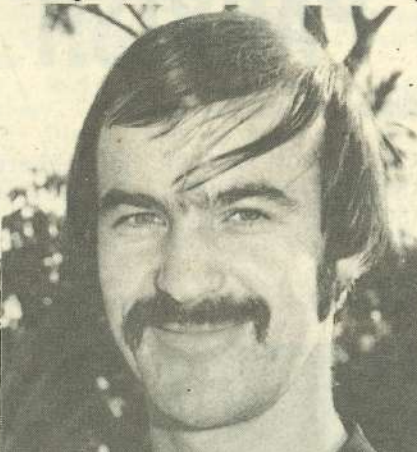
For this match, Riverwood coach, Atti Abonyi, used two 16-year-olds — the right full-back, Brett Higgins, and the left striker Seruf Kumsaz.

Avala rushed their chances in the second half, but broke down in front of goal. In the 72nd minute, Avala's Eduardo Ruiz hammered a 20-metre drive, heading for the top right-hand corner, only to see his shot magnificently saved by Brett Hansell.

In the 77th, young Kumsaz flashed down the right flank and slung a very high ball into the box where Billy Bulloch raced in and smashed his shot into Avala's net to put Riverwood ahead 2-0.

Two minutes later, Kumsaz hammered a shot from only 12 metres out, only to see his shot be kicked off the line by Brown racing around in cover.

In the 88th minute, Andy Tracey swung a high cross from the left flank in towards the back post. Warren Turnbull, facing his own goals, tried to head the cross past the post but only managed to deflect his diving header straight into his own net for an own goal, and send Riverwood ahead to a final scoreline of 3-0.



ANDY TRACEY

Best for Riverwood were the two youngsters, Higgins and Kumsaz, with some intelligent work by the experienced Tracey.

For Avala, nobody really stood out, and Doug Utjesenovic has a lot on his plate to get through. After the match, Utjesenovic said that they have a long way to go and some members of the team lack discipline of thought.

In the Riverwood dressing room, Abonyi was elated with his two youngsters and Tracey, but was only reasonably satisfied with the side's second half performance.

MANLY - CROATIA

1-1

Smith

M.Silva

Manly put on a gutsy, determined show to draw with Croatia 1-1, after Croatia went to the lead after 25 minutes through Marcos Silva.

Ten minutes later, Terry Smith, after a recent unsuccessful stint at Croatia, scored against "his old club" when his drive went off a defender into the net.

Manly also hit the woodwork, and in the last part of the game, called on Croatia goalie Steve Watson to make three fine saves.

At the other end, Steve Ellis also had a good afternoon, including making a great point-blank save.

Peter Hensman was the pick of Croatia, while Dudley Fox shone for Manly.

Mick Jones, the Manly coach, said Fox was brilliant.

"Terry Smith and Dudley Fox linked up as if they'd been playing forever," he said.

"The most clear-cut chances fell to us, frankly. I definitely do not think Croatia are as good as St George," Jones said.

Manly's big German defender, Udo Kramer, exemplified the team spirit by playing out the match with a suspected broken arm.

POLONIA - ST GEORGE

0-0

Polonia's strong defence — both in quality and quantity — put St George's creative abilities to the test on Saturday, and created something of a record at the same time.

They have now drawn with both Croatia and St George at Chopin Park, and by the same scoreline (0-0).

On Saturday St George continually attacked down the centre, but were bogged down against Polonia's central defence combination of Ricky Budini, Tony Galas and Billy Zounis.

Goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinowski was once again in fine fettle, pulling off a brilliant save early in the second half from a hard Peter Stone volley.

The Saints became increasingly desperate as the match wore on. They were well served by the two creative middle men, Stone and John Davies, but their front-line was lacking potency.

Goalkeeper Mike Fraser made a very good save late in the first half when Polonia's right midfielder, Ziggy Garlowski, shot from 10 metres.

Nippy forward Anito Budini also had a good afternoon for Polonia, who must now fancy their top four chances.

CANTERBURY - P'MATTA

2-2

Bosganos 2

Roden, Montgomery

Parramatta almost snatched away a win against Canterbury, but an injury-time goal provided the equaliser for the Berries.

It was a fast, open game, with Parramatta having the better of the first half, but Canterbury coming out much better in the second period.

Peter Roden scored Parra's first five minutes from half-time, but, 22 minutes after the break, Canterbury equalised when substitute midfielder George Bosganos rifled in a 10 metre right-foot shot from a Jim Basterfield cross.

Only three minutes later, Steve Montgomery put Parramatta ahead again. From a defensive mix-up, Jim Herron's shot was spilled by Berries keeper Alex McPherson for Montgomery to push home.

Parra's Larry Bates was sent off in the 83rd minute after a clash with Chris Thammidis, and the remaining 10 men were holding on until Bosganos scored again just before the end.

Herron and Biglands had good games for the visitors, while Ross Brown impressed for Canterbury.

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
CROATIA.....18	15	3	0	0	47:13	33
ST GEORGE.....17	15	2	0	0	64:8	32
MELITA.....17	13	2	3	0	43:13	28
SUTHERLAND...17	8	3	6	0	22:17	19
POLONIA.....17	8	3	6	0	20:20	19
MONARO.....18	7	4	7	0	27:34	18
CANTERBURY..18	5	6	7	0	28:35	16
RIVERWOOD....16	7	2	7	0	21:29	16
NORTH SYD.....18	4	5	9	0	21:32	13
MANLY.....17	4	3	10	0	19:28	11
AVALA.....17	4	2	11	0	19:41	10
PARRAMATTA..18	4	2	12	0	16:40	10
AUBURN.....16	4	1	11	0	11:28	9
BANKSTOWN...17	3	2	12	0	18:37	8

TOP SCORERS

23. Marton(SG)
14. Farrugia(ME), M.Silva(Cr)
11. Allan(ME), Heywood(IM), Barton(SG)
10. R.Brown(CM), Hensman(Cr)
8. Williams(CM), Morsello(NS)
7. T.Bush, Groome(S), M.Kovacic(Cr), Samuels(Av)
6. Davies(SG)
5. Griffiths, Campbell, Walker(SG), Bulloch(R), Noble(IM), Roden(P)

NEXT GAMES

- Saturday, 4 July:
RIVERWOOD - MANLY Garside Park
INTER-MONARO - POLONIA Marco Polo
Sunday, 5 July:
CROATIA - NORTH SYDNEY King Tomislav
MELITA EAGLES - AVALA Melita Stadium
PARRAMATTA - SUTHERLAND Garside Park
BANKSTOWN - AUBURN Soccer Centre
ST GEORGE - CANTERBURY St George Stad.

AUBURN - MONARO

1-1

Izatt

Noble

This very even game looked like it could have resulted in a surprise Auburn win when Jim Izatt headed the ball in the net with quarter of an hour to go.

But just 60 seconds later, an Ian Heywood corner was tucked away by big skipper Bobby Noble for Monaro's equaliser.

Auburn had missed a golden scoring opportunity early in the match, and Monaro were denied their very strong claims for a penalty (for hand-ball) by referee Doug Rennie.

Auburn were well served by Terry Bertram, Charlie Prgomelja and David Bowman, while Heywood and Noble, as has happened so often this year, shone for Monaro.

NTH SYDNEY - BANKSTOWN

2-2

Morsello, Lachowicz og

Rootsey 2

North Sydney went to a two-goal lead in the first 20 minutes, but two goals from a defender playing striker gave Bankstown a share of the spoils.

A Wally Lachowicz own goal put the first score on the board for Norths, who got a second five minutes later when John Morsello scored.

But two goals by Chris Rootsey, one in each half, brought Bankstown back into the game. Rootsey usually plays in defence, but played as striker on Sunday, as two regular front-runners were unable to play.

Bob Ferguson, the Town coach, said the point was very welcome.

Rootsey and Greg Lynch were Bankstown's best. Tom Steven was once again the pick of the bunch for North Sydney, with Jay O'Rourke also doing well.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1 CROATIA	N	3	1	1	1	0	3	1	4	2	2	0	4	1
2 RIVERWOOD	0	1	S	0	4	3	0	3	2	3	2	0	2	3
3 MELITA	1	3	3	0	W	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	1
4 SUTHERLAND	0	3	0	0	0	1	S	0	0	0	4	1	0	2
5 AVALA	0	1	2	3	0	3	T	0	5	3	3	0	7	1
6 MANLY	1	1	0	2	0	2	A	1	1	4	1	0	4	0
7 NORTH SYDNEY	1	2	1	4	1	0	T	2	0	4	1	0	3	4
8 AUBURN	0	1	0	5	2	0	E	1	0	0	1	0	5	1
9 POLONIA	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	L	1	0	0
10 CANTERBURY	0	0	0	1	5	1	2	3	1	1	3	0	0	1
11 ST GEORGE	1	1	2	0	6	1	3	0	4	1	6	0	A	4
12 MONARO	6	0	2	3	2	0	1	1	2	1	3	3	G	1
13 BANKSTOWN	2	5	1	3	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	5	1	0
14 PARRAMATTA	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	1

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

WITH BRAD EARL



PETER HENSMAN

CROATIA

Position: Striker.

Birthplace: Birmingham, England.

Date of Birth: May 17th, 1952.

Nationality: Australian.

Occupation: NSW State sales manager.

Married: Yes.

Children: No.

Career Background: I didn't start playing Soccer till I was 16. At 21 I signed as a semi-professional with Worcester City in England, and then I was with Bromsgrove, both in the Southern League. Then I came to Australia, and trialled with St George and Sydney Olympic, and St George offered me a contract and I signed for them. I was there for three seasons in the PSL. I left to go to Sydney Olympic last year, but I would have had problems travelling for Philips League games this year with my work, so I joined Croatia.

Honours: Winning the Ampol Cup and Grand Final last year with Olympic.

Biggest thrill in the game: Scoring the winning goal in the Ampol Cup (1-0 over Croatia) and two goals in the Final against Melita last year.

Biggest disappointment: Losing respect for Raul Blanco after a particular incident, when I had had so much respect for him before. I haven't got any real disappointments from a playing point of view, although I wish I was 21 still!

If there was one disappointment in my playing career it was reaching the quarter-finals of the F.A. Cup for non-league clubs in England three years running, but losing each time and missing out on playing at Wembley.

Ambition: To just keep scoring goals and playing well and to win something with Croatia this year. To beat St George in the Grand Final would be my greatest ambition — I'd love that.

Your opinion of the State League: There's only three good sides really — us, St George and Melita. I wish every team was as good as these three. A sort of Super State League would be good, particularly from a crowd point of view.

Best other State League team: St George, without a doubt.

Best State League players: Ernie Campbell is a great player. There are some terrific players at Croatia, and Nelio Borges and Marijan Kovacic are two great players. Those are the three in the State League who really stand out. Marcos Silva is also very good, particularly putting the ball in the net.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: I don't know. If anybody asks me to, I would think about it, but not as a coach or manager. I wouldn't mind being a trainer.

I think I can play in the State League for another five years. I would love to stay involved in the game, as it's such a great social thing. Take the comradeship at Olympic last year: that was unique.

GOLD COAST KICKED OUT!

By Wally Bruce

Queensland's State League has been reduced to nine teams with the shock decision last week by the Queensland Federation to expel tailenders Gold Coast City.

Even though there were five rounds of the competition remaining, the QSF decided to banish the struggling City immediately in order to "cut their losses".

Gold Coast City has been in various degrees of financial trouble and has had problems settling on a regular squad since the competition began in 1979.

As the club was heavily in debt, with no immediate prospects of settling its problems, the QSF decided not to prolong the inevitable.

Gold Coast City were scheduled to play two of their last five games away in Mareeba and Bundaberg, so the decision at least will save a considerable amount in air fares. Only three matches were played last weekend as the Capricornia - Mareeba match was postponed until next weekend.

The other three games, plus the two points picked up by Townsville, has congested the final four situation, and Mt Gravatt dropped a point on their way towards the title.

The vital game for the Hawks is next Saturday night when they play their postponed away game against Townsville, and a loss here would open the title race right up again.

Last Sunday against Eastern Suburbs, Mt Gravatt had to rely on an equaliser in the 80th minute by Gary Bohan to enable them to share the points.

Mt Gravatt scored first through the consistent Craig Dickson but Easts pulled that goal back before half-time with a Phil Thompson penalty.

Easts then took the lead in the second half through Mark Brusasco before the belated reply from the Hawks.

Ipswich United moved back into the top four battle with a well-deserved 2-0 away win over Grange Thistle.

The secret Ipswich was that they took advantage of the chances on offer, while Thistle squandered too many opportunities.

The first Ipswich goal came early in the first half when Jon Kitching finished off after

keeper John Ferguson failed to hold a Richie Wilson shot.

With only 10 minutes left, John Miller added No.2 to make it safe, after Bryan Kathage and Billy McQueen had been involved in the build-up.

Across The Waves raised their faint hopes of making the semi-finals with a last minute 2-1 win at home over Wynnum.

The scorers were John Wood and full back Mickey Tripp who Waves signed from Brisbane City during the week. Wynnum's goalscorer was midfielder Tommy Gray.

Results: Mt Gravatt 2 (Dickson, G. Bohan) Eastern Suburbs 2 (Thompson, Brusasco), Across The Waves 2 (Wood, Tripp), Wynnum 1 (Gray), Ipswich United 2 (Kitching, Miller) Grange Thistle 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt Gravatt	13	10	2	1	39	9	22
Eastern Suburbs	14	8	2	4	28	18	18
Townsville Utd	13	8	1	4	24	13	17
Grange Thistle	14	8	1	5	29	19	17
Ipswich United	14	8	1	5	25	19	17
Across The Waves	14	7	—	7	23	22	14
Wynnum	14	5	2	7	22	23	12
Capricornia	13	3	2	8	13	39	8
Mareeba United	13	3	1	9	13	31	7

NSW DIVISIONS

NSW DIV. 1.

Belmore - Bathurst	1-1
Kuringai - Blacktown	3-1
Bankstown - Workers	1-3
Wong Utd - Meadow	1-0
Warringah - Yugal	2-4
Penrith - Guildford	2-2
Ravens - Uni NSW	2-0

NSW DIV. 2

Queens Pk - Albion	2-1
Riverstone - Eagles	0-2
Lane Cove - Mt Druitt	0-2
Rockdale - W.Hills	2-1
C'town - Dee Why	1-2
North Ryde - Hornsby	2-0

NSW DIV. 3

Kingsford - P.Hacking	0-1
Sydney Uni - Wenty	2-0
Rovers - Artarmon	1-2
Kiev - Artarmon	2-2
E.Creek - Padstow	0-0
Zagreb - Spanish	1-2
Rovers - Marine	0-1

NSW DIV. 4

Concordia - N.Rocks	2-2
Maroubra - Ryde D.	2-1
Holroyd - W.St.George	1-0
Eastwood - Fairfield	1-3
W.Hills - Chelsea	3-3
W.St.George - Heights	3-3
Holroyd - Rovers	0-2

NSW DIV. 5

Moorebank - Edensor	0-1
Auburn - Chullora	2-2
Pagewood - Maccabi	1-1
Macquarie - Camden	9-0
G.Valley - Haberfield	3-0
G'quarie - H'bury	2-3

NSW DIV. 6

Sports - Wanderers	2-3
Workers - Parramatta	3-1
Rangers - Robins	2-3
Transadinos - Hajduk	5-2
Liv.Utd - Robins	0-5
Colo Colo - Liv.City	0-3
S.Sydney - L.Rangers	1-1

SMITH SWAP FOR VALE

Sydney Slickers' central striker, Terry Smith, has been transferred to Manly, in exchange for young striker Peter Vale, who has been out with an injured ankle the last few weeks.



Peter Vale

CENTRAL COAST DOINGS

Central Coast club Doyalson is closely contesting the top of the Northern NSW First Division competition with Newcastle Austral.

And in the Central Coast Presto Premier League Umina United has a three point lead.

Wyong, the 1980 Norman Ross Cup winners, are in this year's semi-finals along with East Gosford, Toukley and Umina.

The Central Coast Soccer Coaches Association meeting on Monday, July 6 at the Gainsborough Restaurant in Gosford at 8pm has Eric Worthington as the guest speaker.

Also in attendance will be Radio 2GO's Soccer personality, Steve Robertson.

XIPOLITAS FORCED OUT

As predicted in ASW last week, John Xipolitas came to the end of his relatively short term (from the start of the year) in charge of Canterbury-Marrickville at a meeting with the committee.

His departure was triggered by an argument, after the 1-0 home loss to Polonia, with a leading official, concerning a substitution made in the second half. Xipolitas did not want to work with him, or anyone else who wanted to interfere, so the committee meeting became a virtual "him or me" affair, and, as Xipolitas put it, "They are too close to that member."

Apparently Xipolitas has been accused of releasing details to the Press of Canterbury's poor financial situation — the players not being paid for five weeks — and a meeting the players held with the officials after the Polonia game.

It was not John Xipolitas who released those details. In fact he tried to defuse the situation, explaining there was no crisis — clear support for the club.

"After all, I played for Canterbury and I love Canterbury," he said.

The new coach is Steve Stocic, a former player who has been Xipolitas' assistant this year.

MELITA EAGLES' OFFICIAL OPENING

Melita Eagles are holding their official opening of the Melita Stadium at Everley Park on Sunday. NSW Premier Neville Wran will do the official ceremony at 2.30, prior to the Avala match.



Tony Loxley

The club recently signed Tony Loxley (21) on a free transfer from Sydney Olympic. He spent four years as a professional with Lincoln City in England before coming to Australia late last year to play for Olympic. However, the tall central defender never settled and has been out of the game all this season.

His new coach, Vic Dalglish, is impressed by him, and says he may have more to offer in midfield.

"His only problem is match fitness. However, he's a real gentle giant, and I'd like him to use his weight more, as he tends to shy off. He had a bad trot after joining Olympic last year, as he was just thrown in, and this upset him. He has good vision, he's a very good passer, and he has a good shot, but he just needs to gain a bit of aggro and a bit more confidence," Dalglish said.

Tony's father, Bert Loxley, is the physiotherapist with Lincoln City, after previous spells as manager and coach of the club, and has been here in Australia. He took over a training session at the request of Dalglish, and the Melita coach said it worked very well, as he described up-to-date English coaching techniques.

John Davies has come back well at St George after a nasty knock he received in the game against Melita. It was thought he had broken his ankle, but the fears came from a chipped bone which appeared on the X-ray, but was the residue of an old injury.

Dez Marton's on the way back to full fitness now, and Don Smith is back after his finger injury.

Bob McPherson has been placed on the transfer list by Melita at the Federation's price of \$6,000. McPherson had a dispute with the club over contractual details, and he was dropped by the club half an hour before the game against Sutherland on Sunday.

Although today is the final day of the transfer season, any negotiations which have commenced are given one week's grace. Maybe there is time for McPherson to find a new club.

Melita coach Vic Dalglish rates him as one of the best left full-backs in the country, and said he was sorry to lose him.

— BRAD EARL

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

INTEREST NOW ON SECOND POSITION

While Croatia Deakin marches on as premiership leader in the NSW Southern League, with a series of relatively easy games ahead, interest turns more to the struggle for the order of placings in the top four and the ever-changing order among middle-of-the-ladder clubs.

In 10th round games, Belconnen United suffered the recent fate of Downer Olympic, dropping from second to fourth, after a 2-0 defeat.

The win moved Olympic up to third, but West Woden Juventus maintained its goal difference superiority, by returning a 3-2 away win against Albury Hotspurs.

They take over second place on the ladder, with a one-goal advantage over Olympic.

Each will have to try harder to catch up with Croatia Deakin now, after it hammered lowly Goulburn Workers 7-0, with hat-tricks from former PSL players Phil Reis, George Bailey and a single goal from Bernie Lustica — also a former player in the Philips League.

Albury Hotspurs, top southern NSW club for some weeks, was replaced in fifth position by the ever-improving Macedonia Queanbeyan (formerly Queanbeyan City) which defeated Wagga's Koorringal Lions, 2-1, at the Marco Polo Oval.

Again, Macedonia Queanbeyan, level on points with Albury Hotspurs, holds the superior position on goal difference.

Koorringal Lions' loss was Hanwood's gain who, after drawing 2-2 against Yoogali, moved one point ahead of the Lions and remained two ahead of Yoogali.

Surprise of the round was a 3-2 home win for former bottom-placed Wagga United. Its first win in the competition was sufficient to move it up and away from bottom by no less than two rungs on the ladder, passing the wooden spoon over to Goulburn Workers for the first time this season.

But even in the bottom order goal differences make the difference, with Wagga United level on points with Cootamundra, but ahead with a three-goal margin.

This week the gutsy Cootamundra faced the awesome Croatia Deakin at Fisher Park, a venue that usually works in favour of the home side, but

this time holding no advantage over the mighty visitors.

Goulburn Workers had the chance to relinquish the wooden spoon when it met Wagga United in Goulburn, even though on form a win for the visitors was the most likely result.

Downer Olympic was at home, in Canberra to Albury Hotspurs, as was West Woden Juventus against Belconnen United. Two top games for ACT fans and, with Canberra Arrows in Adelaide, providing a chance for ACT fans to watch Soccer that is the next best thing to the PSL.

In Wagga, Koorringal Lions were at home to Hanwood for a very close game, while Yoogali hosted Macedonia Queanbeyan in Griffith.

NSW SOUTHERN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia Deakin	10	9	1	0	41	5	19
West Woden Juventus	10	7	2	1	36	11	16
Downer Olympic	10	7	2	1	33	9	16
Belconnen United	10	7	1	2	23	12	15
Macedonia Queanbeyan	10	4	3	3	23	14	11
Albury Hotspurs	10	5	1	4	24	18	11
Hanwood	10	3	3	4	22	24	9
Koorringal Lions	10	4	0	6	23	19	8
Yoogali	10	2	3	5	19	23	7
Wagga United	10	1	1	8	10	42	3
Cootamundra	10	0	3	7	12	47	3
Goulburn Workers	10	1	0	9	8	50	2

ACTSF FOOTBALL LEAGUE — 1st GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kambah United	10	7	3	0	29	10	17
Luso SC	10	8	1	1	24	10	17
Narrabundah SC	10	6	3	1	28	13	15
West Woden Juventus	10	6	1	3	24	12	13
Canberra United	10	5	3	2	26	15	12
Polonia White Eagles	10	4	3	3	26	17	11
Belconnen United	10	4	1	5	19	24	9
ANURMC	10	4	1	5	11	18	9
ANU	10	2	4	4	8	11	8
Croatia Deakin	10	3	2	5	14	18	8
Canberra North	10	3	2	5	10	18	8
Weston Creek	10	2	3	5	17	23	7
Downer Olympic	10	2	2	6	12	23	6
Concordia Phillip	10	0	0	10	7	43	0

S.A. STATE NEWS

By Tom McKain

Azzurri, favourites for the SA Rothmans League title, have the hardest draw for the Federation Cup semi-finals.

They will have to travel up-country to Whyalla Croatia on Saturday, August 29.

Noarlunga, bottom of the league table, has the easiest-looking tie, at home to Second Division club Modbury.

The other games involve First Division teams Beograd at home to Para Hills, and Polonia entertaining Port Adelaide.

Pairing for the other Cup competitions, on the same date, are (home teams named first):

Bailette Cup (reserves) — Windsor v USC Lion; Westfield Apac v Noarlunga Utd; Croatia v Brighton City; Sturt v Cumberland. Junior Cup — West Adelaide v Elizabeth City; Flinders Uni v Noarlunga Utd; Salisbury v Adelaide Asteras; Polonia v WT Birkalla.

• Denials are flying around from Azzurri, Campbelltown and PSL club Adelaide Giants.

Word is officials from the three Italian-backed clubs had a "secret" meeting to discuss amalgamation again!

But, according to officials, the meeting was merely to talk about a proposed sports night, when the clubs would join forces for a presentation of trophies.

What is being still freely tipped, and not denied although not confirmed, is that Azzurri will make a bid for the PSL on their own.

• Birkalla in Second Division may have pulled off a coup.

They have signed Ken Powell, a 23-year-old midfielder/striker who played for Ramsgate in England.

He was training with Hawks in the PSL, but got "lost" in the upheaval when coach Billy Birch was sacked, and went training with Cumberland in First Division.

But he was getting nowhere there, and now it looks like Birks' gain.

• Before this week's game Azzurri's Wally Bojczuk had scored 10 goals.

This was more than the entire Noarlunga and Elizabeth teams.

And word is it won't be long before there are moves from Giants and Hawks to sign up the striker.

He has already had a taste of the PSL, playing for the defunct Moorookbark — as a centre-back!

But in his native Scotland he was a striker for Dumbarton, and came out here to join Lion in Adelaide.

• If you think there is a familiar look about the Don Campbell seen on the Beograd bench, you'd be correct.

He's the son of FIFA referee Donald Campbell.

• Sixteen-year-old David Miller gets the best of both worlds as Hawks' reserve goalkeeper to Martyn Crook.

Coach Peter Jaksa lets him play for the reserves (West Adelaide) in the SA State League Second Division on Saturdays, and catch a later flight when the Hawks are playing interstate.

Most clubs take their two goalkeepers, and the reserve is left without a match every other week — some don't play at all.

Miller was one of the heroes in the SA Youth team which won the national championship.

DOOMESDAY FOR UPPER CLUBS

By Ian Smith

Northern upper-regional clubs, Twin Towns (Coolangatta-Tweed Heads), Tamworth, Coffs Harbour, and Armidale felt the bitterness of defeat at the hands of the Newcastle-based clubs in the Northern NSW State League series last weekend.

Twin Towns, Tamworth and Coffs all hold a prominent position on the points table.

Last season's champions, Weston Bears, asserted their control of the premiership by avenging a first round defeat in trouncing the powerful Twin Towns four goals to nil.

The Queensland border combination stunned the cocky Bears 2-0 in a blood-and-guts affair at Coolangatta but were not able to reproduce the fire on the coalfield pastures.

Tony Bull (2), J.J. Turnbull (1) and Jeff Morton (1) inflicted the wounds on Twin Towns' keeper, Johnny (jungle) Marshall.

At Tamworth, Stewart Gray and Dale Sweeney hit the back of the netting for the visiting Mike Trebilcock's Stewart and Lloyds combination.

Tamworth, vying for semi final honours, has been one of the major successes of the series.

Another upper regional aspirant for semi final honours, Coffs Harbour, has possibly surrendered all possibility by losing the points to lowly Belmont.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston	11	9	1	1	31	10	19
Lake Macquarie	11	8	1	2	24	9	17
Stewart & Lloyds	11	7	2	2	27	11	16
Adamstown	12	5	3	4	23	20	13
Twin Towns	11	5	3	3	18	16	13
Tamworth	11	6	1	4	17	16	13
Wallsend	10	3	2	5	10	13	8
Coffs Harbour	12	2	3	7	18	25	7
Belmont-Swansea	12	3	0	9	17	27	6
Armidale	11	0	0	11	4	42	0

Swansea. Steven Forbes notched the only goal for the home side.

Luckless Armidale suffered another bashing, this time four goals to nil by newcomers, Lake Macquarie, at Speers Point.

Nev Hamilton, Paul Stewart, Kerry Cavan and Danny Harper each scored a goal.

The big and powerful youthful combination from Macquarie recently replaced the financial-problem Edgeworth in the State league series.

Coached by Macquarie's former representative keeper, Ken Gabriel, the side of local youth is pledged to clean, fast and open football.

The great traditional derby of 90 years of two of Australia's former greatest

clubs yielded a 1-all draw.

The great pity of the fitting result was that barely two men and their dogs watched the episode.

It is the tragedy of northern Soccer these days the State League concept involving upper regional clubs, Tamworth, Armidale, Twin Towns and Coffs Harbour is meritorious but is doomed to failure if major changes are not implemented next season.

The promotional activities of most clubs is minimal.

Though some deferred matches distort the points ladder at this stage the table reads:

This week's draw: Sunday, July 5: Belmont-Swansea v Tamworth, Armidale v Weston, Stewart and Lloyds v Edgeworth.

AZZURRI IN COMMAND

By Tom McKain

Beograd now look the only challengers to Azzurri who are off and running with the SA Rothmans League First Division title.

With a 3-1 win over Polonia, the original joint favourites, Azzurri now have 17 points, three ahead of Beograd and five in front of Polonia.

Azzurri and Polonia turned on a thriller in the mud last Saturday and while Azzurri won it was costly with goalkeeper, Eric Metanowski, carried off with a broken collar bone after a clash with striker, Glen Durrant, who was then sent off after being awarded a penalty.

Referee, Denis Stanley, awarded three penalties, handed out six cautions, and the one send-off, and there were four injuries which eventually reduced Polonia to nine men.

On a shocking pitch, affected by three days rain, tackles were late and apart from the goalkeeper's injury his brother Stefan, who plays for Polonia, was carried off while teammates, Andrew Wilkosz and Eddie Typek, limped off with thigh and leg injuries.

When Durrant was sent off his penalty was taken by

SA LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	11	8	1	2	32	9	17
Beograd	11	6	2	3	19	14	14
Polonia	11	5	2	4	17	18	12
Croatia	11	5	2	4	11	16	12
Port	11	4	3	4	13	16	11
Campbelltown	11	4	2	5	12	11	10
Elizabeth	11	2	5	4	7	17	9
Para Hills	10	2	4	4	16	17	8
Cumberland	11	3	2	6	11	17	8
Noarlunga	10	1	5	4	9	12	7

Ian Di Bartolo, and the two Azzurri penalties were netted by Wally Bojczuk who racked up 12 goals for the season.

Azzurri's other goal came from full-back, Ossie Michelin.

This week Azzurri travel to neighbours Campbelltown who were beaten 2-0 by Beograd.

The latter play just as attractive Soccer as Azzurri and should keep up their challenge when they visit Port Adelaide this week.

Port went to Elizabeth last Saturday and managed to pull off a 1-1 draw.

Elizabeth will be involved in a relegation-type struggle this week against

bottom team, Noarlunga, at Elizabeth.

Cumberland are now well in the relegation zone following a 1-0 away defeat from Croatia.

Cumberland are on eight points, only one in front of Noarlunga.

Para Hills are also on eight but, like Noarlunga, have a game in hand as the wet weather resulted in their match being postponed last week.

Cumberland will be at home this week to Para Hills.

Croatia, back in fourth place, but still minus a permanent coach following the resignation of George McMillan, have to visit Polonia.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

THE ILLAWARRA SCENE

By Phil Murphy

Shellharbour publicity officer Otto Bader goes along with the adage you complain about the referee when you win.

After his team downed Lysaght's 3-0, Bader had strong words for the man with the whistle.

He claims the referee awarded a penalty in the closing seconds but blew full-time before it could be taken.

"Only strong protests by officials, players and eventually the linesmen convinced the referee the penalty should be taken," Bader said.

"Extremely poor refereeing cost our team a bigger win."

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Helensburgh put up a "fighting" performance in their recent first division game against Port Kembla.

The 'Burgh are among Illawarra's oldest clubs and have built up a reputation for playing the game hard — home or away.

Against Port Kembla referee Vince Calci obviously felt they were playing a bit too hard and sent three of their players from the field.

Despite finishing with eight players they held Port Kembla to a 4-4 draw.

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A week on the Gold Coast and a shave made a big difference to Corrimal's Steve Royall.

Royall took a week off to have a short holiday with his family and shaved his beard off while he was away.

He came back in to the side against Oak Flats to be voted man of the match in his midfield role.

Corrimal won 3-2 and Royall scored the all-important third goal with a fine 20 metre shot.

Coach Wally Miller is checking out any other Corrimal players who have beards . . .

Robert Ritchie is back in the Shellharbour first grade side after a six-week spell.

The talented winger has had a nasty foot injury and has been having continuous treatment.

Ritchie played a full game in reserves against Lysaght's then came on in the second half of the main game.

Coach John Bingham says he is relieved to have Hitchie back as he is a key player in the southern side's premiership bid.

Opposing teams won't be quite as happy to see the skilful winger back on deck.

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Mauro Jurman had a mixed day when he played for Dapto against Woonona recently.

Woonona looked to be on the way to a win when they led 1-0 at half-time and Dapto were reduced to 10 men after having one sent off.

In the second half, Jurman scored to level the match then Dapto were awarded a penalty and Jurman scored from the spot.

That's where his problem started . . . he ran to the sideline to make a gesture to a section of the crowd and was given a yellow card.

That put him over the points limit and he was put out for two games.

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Fritz Hebben would have to be among the "super veterans" of the Illawarra premier league, but he's still going strong.

He's mellowed a bit from the hard-tackling full-back of a few years back when Bellambi were one of the top teams.

Many of his former team-mates have now retired, but Hebben recently scored both goals in the 4-2 loss to Fernhill.

Coach John Frew says Hebben's experience is invaluable to the many younger players coming up at Elizabeth Park.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

By Greg Blake

Green Gully and Essendon Croatia stepped up the pace at the top of the Victorian State League after round 12 after both scoring impressive victories which put them clear of the remainder of the field.

Ajax downed Sunshine 3-1 at home and Croatia disposed of a weakened Croydon 2-0 at Olympic Park No 2 Ground.

Doveton's amazing undefeated run in their inaugural State league season continued as they shared the points in a 1-1 draw at Ringwood.

It was the Dove's eighth draw in 12 matches and hoists them into third position on the ladder.

Whilst the wet weather which prevailed in Melbourne during the week had little effect on sport it did, however, cause the postponement of the crucial relegation match between Juventus and Altona.

Juventus' interim home ground at Gillon Oval, an Aussie Rules ground, was in an atrocious condition.

George Cross re-established their challenge for a final four place with their first victory in four matches away against Frankston City.

Both Northcote and Hakoah also remain in contention after the pair drew 2-2 at Middle Park.

For Northcote it was their fifth undefeated match which puts them within a point of fifth-placed Hakoah.

At Green Gully Reserve it was the home side's two leading scorers in Gus McLeod and Kit Greechan who each added another goal to their individual tallies in the 3-1 Ajax victory.

Gerry Bennett joined them on the Ajax score sheet whilst Roger Bain hit his third in four games for Sunshine since his arrival from Oadby Town in Leicester.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	12	8	1	3	23	7	17
Essendon	12	6	5	1	20	10	17
Doveton	12	4	8	0	16	10	16
Croydon	12	5	5	2	22	16	15
Hakoah	12	4	5	3	15	19	13
George Cross	12	5	2	5	18	13	12
Sunshine	12	5	2	5	21	17	12
Northcote	12	4	4	4	21	27	12
Ringwood	12	3	3	6	17	23	9
Frankston	12	3	2	7	15	20	8
Juventus	11	3	1	7	9	22	7
Altona	11	1	2	8	13	26	4

Ajax always had the match in their keeping and always looked likely to increase their 2-1 half time lead.

It was their most convincing performance since their 4-0 thrashing of Juventus on May 29.

Croydon, obviously struggling without the dynamic Loughnane brothers, Ian and Peter, who were sent off against Juventus last week, dropped from second to fourth position two points off the pace after falling 2-0 away to Croatia.

Steve Kokoska and Howard Andrews scored their first goals of the season as Croatia moved up to second on the ladder.

The highest they've reached since the end of 1980.

Doveton snared another point, this time at Ringwood, thanks to their Irish import from Footscray, centre forward James McLaughlin.

Ringwood's top scorer, Brian Sinclair, scored his fourth of the season to tie the game at 1-1.

At Frankston, George Cross won 2-1 with goals from a first team regular and a fringe senior player.

Bobby Toal, one of the brightest names in the State league this season, scored once whilst Brendan Farmer, a bargain basement close season buy from Altona who has been in and out of the side, scored the other.

In the final match at Middle Park the goal scorers were Richie McClunne and Graham French for Hakoah and Dragan Vasic and Spiros Stetsos for Northcote City.

At this stage the replay date of the Juventus v Altona fixture is unknown.

Round 12 Scores:
Essendon Croatia 2
Croydon City 0; Green Gully 3 Sunshine City 1; Hakoah St Kilda 2 Northcote City 2; Ringwood City 1 Doveton 1; Frankston City 1 George Cross 2; Juventus v Altona (postponed).

Leading Scorers:
10 - Egan (Fr), I. Loughnane (Croy)
9 - McLeod (GG)
8 - Mitten (Ess)
7 - Pate (Sun), Sahinidis (Nor)
6 - Inness (Alt)
5 - Cherri (Dov), French (Hak), Greechan (GG), Toal (GC)

VIC. LEAGUE STILL TOPSY-TURVY

By Greg Blake

Just when you thought the State League was beginning to take a definite shape, a round like this week's 13th turns up to keep you on tenterhooks.

Essendon, right back into the championship race (were they ever out of it?), go to Altona, who thrashed Hakoah 5-1 on their home ground and held Croatia to 1-1 in round two.

Green Gully also travel away, to John Cain Reserve to meet a much improved Northcote City who, despite having been written off by many including myself, are now undefeated in their past four matches.

For Essendon Croatia the trip to Altona is fraught with danger. The home side did well at Olympic Park earlier in the season and as bottom team they have little to lose by throwing everything at the visitors.

By sheer weight of talented numbers Croatia should win and win well. But it is only in recent weeks, thanks mainly to the return to form of Noel Mitten, that Essendon have regained the art of actually winning matches.

Five of their first eleven matches were drawn. Most of them should have been victories.

Croatia should get up — but don't say I told you so. Northcote are finally getting the type of results that coach Jimmy Kriaris always said they were capable of.

After a humiliating 6-1 loss to Sunshine, Northcote's supporters have seen a marked improvement in a side loaded with more than capable players.

Alex Nelson, Kriaris, George Bozikus, Kris Kalifatidis, Mirko Rujevic, Jim Sahinidis and Dragan Vasic are all tried and proven State League players.

Green Gully, like Croatia, seem to have all the aces but they will need to be functioning at their best to win this danger game.

And it has not been often that we've seen Green Gully at their best this year. Neither side seems adverse to a draw — they've drawn 11 between them in their first 22 games — and I think Hakoah can force another on Sunday.

Particularly after having so much ill luck in recent weeks.



Mirko Rujevic

Croydon are the only top side with a seemingly easy fixture this week, at home to Frankston City.

But their game against Juventus was also deemed "easy", but the points were shared. Such is the form, or lack thereof, in the State League this season.

But with the return of the Loughnane brothers in attack after suspension, it should be Croydon with the two points on Sunday evening.

George Cross fell foul of Ringwood 1-0 at Jubilee Park in round two. Since that time Georgie have improved out of sight and they should take their revenge at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday.

At the same venue on Sunday Sunshine City should have little trouble in disposing of Juventus.

NEW BOYS DOING WELL

By Greg Blake

Sunshine City, on the fringe of the top four in the Victorian State League, have done particularly well with three of their overseas imports this season.

Centre-forward Norrie Pate from Scotland has done particularly well since making a belated debut with Sunshine in round five this season.

Apart from becoming a focal point in a previously fairly insipid Sunshine forward-line, Pate has been the instigator and creator of many goals for his team-mates, no doubt explaining their improved form this season to the stage where they now rate as a good chance to be playing off for the State League Cup in September.

Two other recruits, both latecomers from Oadby Town in Leicester, have also created a bit of impact on the Victorian scene.

Chris Taylor, a midfielder, and Roger Bain, a striker, have played only three matches at the time of writing.

In their first two games they must have created a unique record in the Victorian League. They scored a goal each in their first two games as Sunshine beat George Cross 3-2 and Ringwood 3-1.

Of the top ten goalscorers in the Victorian State League this season it is interesting to note that seven are new names to the

League.

Leaders Charlie Egan (Frankston City) and Ian Loughnane (Croydon City), both on 10, are in their first season in Victoria after coming in the close-season from Scotland and Wales respectively.

On eight is another Scottish recruit in Green Gully's dynamic centre-forward Gus McLeod.

Sunshine's Norrie Pate is also in there with seven in as many matches.

Arthur Cherrie from Doveton has five. Cherrie, of course, played in the Doves' first division championship season in 1980 and therefore can be classed as a new-comer.

George Cross reckon they've found a real prospect in Bobby Toal who has four to his credit thus far, as has young Juventus forward Alex Penzo.

The only recognized names on the list are Essendon's Noel Mitten with eight, ex-Heidelberg player Jim Sahinidis (now with Northcote) with seven, Kevin Inness from Altona on six and four each to Graham French (Hakoah), Kit Greechan (Green Gully), Carl Gilder and Keith Adams (both Essendon).

NINE SHARE SCOOP

This week's Pools resulted in nine separate syndicates, from two entries placed by the same man in New South Wales, four from Victoria and three from South Australia. Each have won around \$24,500.

Peter Mojic, from North Plumbton, entered two separate coupons using similar numbers, one of which won for himself and the other shared with his wife and two of his staff at his hairdressing business.

Peter has been working to a close budget and this win now gives him some breathing space.

The four winning entries in Victoria came from Dandenong, Keilor, Watsonia and Bairndale.

Five P.R. girls (the "P.R." stands for product repair) from the H.J. Heinz factory at Dandenong were talked into entering after one of the girls won \$14 at the end of last month.

Margaret Smith was introduced to Pools several weeks ago at the local shopping centre where Pools had a promotion.

Margaret was shown how to play the Pools based on her birth date by "Reg" the electronic computer.

Two sisters from Bairnsdale who have been sharing a coupon for a long time were

pleased to have won a good prize.

The three winning entries in South Australia came from O'Sullivan, Beach, Hope Valley and Barmera.

Emanuel and Baba Martinek have been playing the Pools for the past six weeks but it was the first time that Emanuel had played the Pools on his own.

They both came from Czechoslovakia 12 years ago and they both love their new country. They have two unmarried sons and will share the money with both of them.

Will and Sheelagh Montgomery had a double celebration as it was Sheelagh's birthday last Wednesday.

They both came from Belfast in Northern Ireland 14 years ago and have three children, boys 16 and 12, and a girl, 6.

They will use their win to renovate a home that they have recently paid a deposit on.

Laurie Biggs from the orange-growing district of Barmera is a retired public accountant and he was surprised, but delighted with his win.

VICTORIA DIVISION ONE

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
MARIBYRNONG	14	6	1	0	25 6	4	0	3	12	9 21	
BOX HILL	14	6	0	1	21 7	2	2	3	8	14 18	
WESTERN	14	5	1	0	18 7	2	2	4	12	14 17	
ALBION ROVERS	14	4	0	2	14 8	3	3	2	13	12 17	
RICHMOND	14	3	1	4	7 9	8	2	1	10	6 15	
NEW PARK	14	2	5	1	7 3	2	2	2	6	9 15	
ALTONA GATE	14	3	1	2	7 4	3	2	3	8	13 15	
KEILOR	14	3	1	4	12 16	3	1	2	8	9 14	
PRAHRAN	14	3	1	4	11 13	1	3	2	6	8 12	
MORWELL	14	0	4	3	5 9	3	0	4	11	13 10	
MORELAND	14	1	2	3	9 14	2	0	6	6	21 8	
KNOX CITY	14	2	0	5	10 11	1	0	6	7	18 6	

VICTORIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
FAWKNER	14	6	0	1	23 9	3	2	2	13	9 20	
DONCASTER	14	4	3	1	15 7	2	1	3	10	9 16	
FOOTSCRAY	14	1	2	3	3 9	5	2	1	17	9 16	
PRESTON	14	3	1	2	12 9	4	1	3	12	14 16	
MELBOURNE	14	5	1	2	13 11	2	1	3	6	9 16	
S. MELBOURNE	14	6	0	2	14 6	1	1	4	6	12 15	
FRANKSTON	14	2	2	3	8 11	4	1	2	9	5 15	
SPRINGVALE	14	3	2	3	16 14	2	1	3	8	12 13	
ARDEER	14	2	2	3	6 10	2	2	3	7	11 12	
DANDENONG	14	1	2	3	5 10	3	1	4	10	14 11	
WAVERLEY	14	3	0	3	10 9	1	2	5	5	14 10	
HEIDELBERG U.	14	1	1	5	7 12	2	1	4	14	14 8	

VICTORIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
RINGWOOD U.	14	4	2	0	12 3	5	2	1	11	7 22	
BELL PARK	14	5	1	2	18 10	4	2	0	13	5 21	
BROADMEADOWS	14	5	2	0	18 10	2	2	3	12	11 18	
ST. ALBANS	14	4	1	2	13 11	3	1	3	12	15 16	
HEIDELBERG	14	4	1	3	18 12	2	2	2	12	15 15	
PT. MELBOURNE	14	4	1	3	14 11	2	2	2	5	7 15	
WERRIBEE	14	5	0	3	15 10	1	2	3	7	14 14	
PRAHRAN CITY	14	3	1	3	10 13	3	0	4	12	11 13	
CORIO	14	2	2	2	11 10	2	1	5	11	18 11	
YALLOURN	14	2	1	4	11 11	2	1	4	12	17 10	
COBURG	14	1	3	2	8 10	1	1	6	7	17 8	
ELTHAM	14	2	1	3	10 12	0	0	8	9	21 5	

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VICTORIA DIVISION FOUR

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
SUNBURY U.	14	8	0	0	19 3	2	3	1	8	5 23	
MORNINGTON	14	5	2	0	20 5	4	2	1	14	10 22	
ROYAL PARK	14	7	1	0	20 4	3	1	2	10	11 22	
NUNAWADING	14	5	1	0	23 2	4	1	3	20	13 20	
BRIGHTON	14	4	2	1	12 7	1	3	3	6	10 15	
NORTH DANDENONG	14	1	6	1	8 7	2	2	2	6	7 14	
KEYSBORO	14	2	0	4	7 11	4	1	3	10	6 13	
MOORABBIN	14	1	2	3	9 11	2	3	3	8	12 11	
SANDRINGHAM	14	1	2	5	10 17	2	1	3	7	12 9	
MONASH	14	1	3	3	8 11	1	2	4	7	17 9	
FERNTREE	14	2	1	4	7 13	1	2	4	5	16 9	
CHELSEA	14	0	1	5	6 16	0	0	8	6	30 1	

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
ATHENA	12	4	1	0	19 6	5	2	0	17	3 21	
NORTH PERTH	13	4	1	1	21 9	4	1	1	24	7 18	
MELVILLE	12	4	2	1	15 7	2	2	1	11	5 16	
COCKBURN	12	3	0	2	12 10	3	2	2	15	11 16	
EAST PERTH	12	4	1	1	11 6	2	1	3	9	9 14	
KELMSCOTT	12	4	1	1	14 6	0	2	4	7	15 11	
OSBORNE PK.	12	5	1	1	21 12	0	0	5	2	22 11	
BASSEDEAN	12	0	2	4	7 18	3	2	1	11	7 10	
KWINANA	13	2	1	2	5 7	2	1	4	16	23 10	
BALGA	12	1	1	4	7 17	3	0	3	10	13 9	
CANNING	12	1	2	4	13 19	1	0	4	9	17 6	
UNIVERSITY	12	1	0	5	5 21	1	0	5	7	18 4	

WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
AZZURRI	9	4	1	0	12 3	4	0	0	10	2 17	
FORRESTFIELD	9	2	2	0	6 3	2	2	1	9	5 12	
SPEARWOOD	7	3	0	1	10 4	1	2	0	4	3 10	
KINGSWAY	8	4	0	0	9 3	1	0	3	4	12 10	
INGLEWOOD	9	2	0	3	6 5	2	0	2	9	9 8	
EAST FREMANTLE	9	2	1	1	10 6	1	1	3	2	8 8	
GOSNELLS	9	1	2	2	6 7	1	0	3	5	10 6	
WINDMILLS	8	1	1	2	8 10	1	0	3	7	10 5	
WEST PERTH	8	1	0	3	5 9	1	0	3	5	8 4	
STIRLING C.	8	0	0	3	2 10	1	2	2	5	7 4	

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
SWAN ATH.	11	5	1	1	16 4	4	0	0	7	2 19	
BALCATTA	12	4	2	0	14 8	2	4	0	15	8 18	
BUNBURY C.	12	3	3	0	10 4	2	1	3	10	13 14	
SORRENTO	12	2	3	0	6 3	3	1	3	9	10 14	
ROCKINGHAM	12	2	3	2	13 12	2	2	1	5	4 13	
WANNEROO	12	3	2	2	9 9	2	1	2	8	8 13	
PERTH CITY	12	1	1	3	7 7	3	3	1	15	8 12	
BEDFORD U.	12	3	0	3	11 16	1	3	2	7	8 11	
TUART HILL	12	2	3	2	11 12	1	2	2	10	10 11	
BAYSWATER	11	3	1	1	9 6	0	2	4	4	14 9	
QUEENS PK.	12	2	0	3	5 5	0	1	6	2	10 5	
SUBIACO	12	0	1	4	6 13	1	0	6	7	22 3	

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
WEST TORRENS	13	4	2	1	22 8	4	2	0	15	6 20	
WEST ADELAIDE	13	3	4	0	15 7	4	1	1	12	5 19	
ADELAIDE CITY	13	3	1	2	11 8	4	1	2	11	9 16	
VICTORIA	13	2	2	3	10 9	4	1	1	8	6 15	
WESTFIELDS	13	2	2	3	11 16	4	1	1	15	7 15	
WHYALLA	13	3	2	2	14 14	3	1	2	12	10 15	
BRIGHTON CITY	13	4	0	2	15 8	2	2	3	10	13 14	
LION	13	3	0	3	11 13	2	2	3	10	11 12	
SALISBURY	13	1	2	4	3 8	3	1	2	12	10 11	
MODBURY	13	1	0	5	5 11	3	2	2	15	9 10	
STURT	13	1	1	4	6 15	1	2	4	9	19 7	
WINDSOR	13	0	1	5	4 21	0	1	6	9	22 2	

QUEENSLAND DIVISION ONE

	HOME							AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
MITCHELTON	14	6	1	1	17	8		3	2	1	5	5	21		
TRIDENT	14	5	2	1	24	8		4	0	2	13	10	20		
COALSTARS	14	4	2	1	15	6		5	0	2	13	9	20		
ACACIA RIDGE	14	4	1	1	9	5		4	1	3	16	12	18		
DARRA	14	5	0	1	20	9		2	3	3	13	13	17		
ANERLEY	14	3	3	2	13	12		2	1	3	7	5	14		
TARINGA	14	3	1	4	13	19		2	3	1	8	9	14		
PINE RIVERS	14	3	1	3	10	8		3	0	4	17	19	13		
SALISBURY	14	2	2	2	11	8		2	1	5	6	18	11		
OLYMPIC	14	2	1	4	5	8		1	2	4	8	14	9		
SUNNYSIDE	14	1	2	3	9	17		0	2	6	8	18	6		
SOUTHSIDE	14	2	0	5	5	14		0	1	6	8	19	5		

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

Soccer is NOT the most affluent of sports. That being the case, why on earth was it felt necessary to fly referee Barry Harwood from Perth to handle Sunday's PSL match between Marconi Datsun and Sydney City Slickers?

That's just crazy. It is desirable, of course, to have a neutral ref for vital matches but why send to West Australia?

Mr Harwood evidently felt he should work hard to justify his trans-continental safari: he dished out five yellow cards and one red!

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Publicity hand-outs from Channel 0/28 continue to list Tommy Docherty and Rale Rasic as star panel members on the Friday Soccer show.

Docherty is, of course, back in England. As for Rasic, he was dropped from the programme some weeks ago.

Peter Skelton, the man mainly responsible for the programme, denies Rasic was liquidated after pressure from the Australian Soccer Federation.

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PETER TOKESI

With only a week of the transfer deadline remaining Brisbane City put two very useful PSL players on the market last week. Central defender Peter Tokesi and striker Kevin Low were both listed at \$5,000.

Tokesi, the big, blond-headed centre-back, has been playing on loan this year with State League club Across The Waves. He had made 58 PSL appearances for City and scored the vital equaliser in the 1977 Philips Cup Final, in which City went on to beat Marconi on penalties.

Low has made 50 PSL appearances and scored 12 goals for City, 11 of which made him the club's leading scorer in the 1979 season, when City made the PSL Grand Final.

Tony Boskovic copped plenty of abuse — what again? — from coaches George Murray and Eddie Thomson when he ruled the Sydney Athletic Field fit for play in the Sydney City — Canberra Arrows match.

But give "Bosko" credit for making a firm decision and sticking with it no matter how unpopular.

As things turned out, despite defensive errors caused by surface water, the match was an entertaining spectacle thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators.

Boskovic told us: "I've seen matches played on worse grounds than that."

Like the grand final between St George and Ryde at Sydney Sports Ground?

Referee that day was ... guess who? Tony Boskovic!

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Doug Collins, Sydney Olympic's new coach, is unknown in Australia but he travelled a bit around English clubs.

Collins played for Grimsby Town, Burnley, Plymouth Argyle, Sunderland and Rochdale.

On a trip to Australia early this year, he met the Olympic players and must have made a good impression. They all cheered when they were told last week that he'd succeed The Doc.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY takes to the air!

The AAFCA's newsagency at the Airmen's Recreation Centre at the Williamstown (NSW) RAAF Base has requested 15 copies of ASW each week.

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You'd think Les Scheinflug would be the last man to say nice things about Tommy Docherty.

The Doc was pretty savage in his assessment of Scheinflug as a coach, stating quite openly that Les was not the right man for the job of national coach.

Surprise, surprise. Scheinflug said: "Docherty has been good for Soccer in this country — he'll be missed."

When ASW expressed surprise that Scheinflug could find a kind word for the man who had criticised him, Les replied: "The Doc is a funny man. He'll say terrible things about you one day and say just the opposite the next day."

We wonder if Johnny Warren — another Docherty target — also believes The Doc was good for Australian Soccer!

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MANECAS

For those interested in statistical trivia.

When West Adelaide's Manecas scored two goals against Newcastle the other week he became the first Hawk to score more than one goal in a match this year.

An no player scored more than one in a league match last year.

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Another week and Adelaide Hawks' new striker Peter Kowalski should be ready to explode, according to coach Peter Jaksa.

Signed from S.A. State League team Croatia, who did not field him this season because of a dispute over his contract, Kowalski has had to pace himself, and start from the bench until he caught up in fitness and stamina.

"He's just about ready now," said Jaksa who coached the muscular forward when the pair were with the Adelaide Lion club.

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Adelaide Giants' goalkeeper Peter Marshall hopes to be a spectator at the match against Footscray on Sunday.

If there are no further complications he will be out of hospital after two operations on the left leg broken in the match against Canberra.

But fans needn't look for the big fellow returning between the post this season.

He says he should be able to start training in November.

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Adelaide Giants will get a bonus match out of English guest star Justin Fashanu.

It will be the Philips Cup semi-final against Hawks, scheduled, as we went to press, for July 29.

Fashanu is due to return to England on July 30.

The Giants have already had one "extra" game from him — the cup quarter final at Heidelberg where he scored the only goal.

Apart from playing Soccer Fashanu is making guest appearances at dinners, on panels and even a greyhound meeting.

Brisbane City supporters, without getting too carried away, would like to ask, through ASW, what is the longest unbeaten sequence at a particular ground by any one club during the four and half seasons of the PSL.

They realise that City's eight wins and two draws from 10 home matches at Spencer Park which includes a Philips Cup victory, is obviously well short of a record but they, and so too possibly the players would like to know exactly what target they are aiming for. Over to ASW readers and PSL club officials.

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Olympic Park, Melbourne, is to get a \$5,000,000 facelift in time for the Coca-Cola Cup World Youth Soccer Championship in October.

Eat your heart out, Sydney!

Soccer officials in Sydney have always envied Melbourne for its handsome headquarters at Olympic Park.

That envy will increase with the updating of the ground.

The Federal Government will provide half of the \$5,000,000 being spent.

Main improvement will be the provision of extra seating, taking it from 2,500 to 6,500.

There will also be upgrading of the lighting — which even now is twice as good as anything in Sydney Soccer — plus better facilities for the media and the public.

VSF boss Mike Weinstein reckons the ground improvements will add \$12,000 to gate receipts at Olympic Park when big matches are staged there.

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Nothing like consulting Pressmen on how to deal with other Pressmen.

Canberra's World Youth Cup organising committee will do just that this week, knowing co-ordination of Media facilities might be one of its biggest headaches for five or six days in October when it stages preliminary round games and also a quarter-final.

Media personalities from many countries will descend on Canberra for the games and providing them with adequate facilities is complex — and time-consuming.

The centre, for example, probably will have to be manned 15 hours a day.

Volunteers who think they can assist could well contact ACTSF President, Hal Leslie, on 81 1313.

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Controversy hit the Queensland State League last week with the deduction of a point from tailenders, Gold Coast City, who fielded former Wynnum player Steve Brown, without a proper clearance, in their 1-1 draw with title aspirants Eastern Suburbs recently. Under FIFA regulations, Easts were awarded the full two points and also had their goals for and against credited with a 3-0 result.

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Peter Ollerton, Preston's new coach, made a late dive into the transfer market last Friday, enlisting the services of two midfielders.

Canberra Arrows' 23-year-old Isaac Farrell and West Adelaide's 30-year-old veteran Peter Boyle were the two players signed, Farrell for \$10,000 and Boyle for \$7,000.

Farrell, who has been with Canberra for two years since coming from Scotland, has only been used intermittently this year. A very constructive midfielder, he played in almost every game, but only for part of most matches. He obviously felt he was worth a full game every week. Boyle was sacked from the playing staff at West Adelaide a few weeks ago.

The Rams who, after a promising start to the season, are languishing in the relegation area.

Ollerton, with experience under such greats as Rale Rasic and Cedo Cirovic, has definite ideas on what is needed to give Preston a push up the PSL table.



PETER BOYLE

Wollongong Wolves players have a chance to win \$1,000 cash and \$500 gold medal this season.

Australian Iron and Steel (Port Kembla) are providing the award for the player voted the player of the year.

Points are awarded on a 3-2-1 basis at all home and away games through the season and ASW writer Phil Murphy is the judge.

Progress points appear in the Illawarra Mercury each Tuesday.

After 18 rounds, club captain Chris Dunleavy leads the way with 21 points followed by Bill de Graaf on 16.

READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

Before the clubs decide that the PSL is a luxury they cannot afford I suggest they look at the obvious way to draw spectators. The name of the game is entertainment!

Many, interested in Soccer, but not attending matches, would do so if the emphasis changed from dour defensive win-draw at all costs style football to fast attacking games. The problem seems to be that insecure coaches and those with influence in club management value winning to a degree that it is killing Soccer.

Let the players enjoy their games, let them be individuals, preach attack at all costs, make Soccer a celebration of youth and vitality, and we will have a sport to be proud of.

We need awards for entertainer of the year and most attractive team. Relegation should be on the basis of least goals scored.

Olympic has shown the way. Those clubs with frightened coaches and playing depressing defensive football will have the same crowd problems if devolution of the PSL is pushed through.

On another note, let me express my disgust at the brutal bashing Olympic officials gave to an APIA-Leichhardt supporter at the recent derby. Although the man was wrong to run onto the field there is no way that this sort of punishment fits the "crime". Frequently I have seen these yellow-jacketed officials rush on the field to congratulate an Olympic scorer. Tony Boskovic on Channel 0 stated that the yellow-coated officials were more often the assaulters of referees rather than their protectors. Was he thinking of Olympic? This incident destroyed a great game of football.

Neil Pollock,
Marrickville, NSW.

Mr Eggers (ASW, June 16) is sadly mistaken with his statement that "David Mitchell and other young players in Adelaide are Mr (Les) Scheinflug's products from the time he was manager-coach of Adelaide City."

Mitchell was in fact brought to Adelaide City last year from a State League club after his potential was brought to the attention of Rale Rasic.

His next statement — "Les gave a lot to Soccer in S.A. through his Soccer knowledge and personality" — will surprise many South Australians, not least Adelaide City supporters who saw their team plummet to their worst PSL position ever — 10th.

And as for his statement that Scheinflug did most of the work with the Socceroos and not Rudi Gutendorf, then it seems to me it would have been proper if it was Scheinflug who resigned, not Gutendorf after Australia's abysmal World Cup performances.

Stephen Fairfax
Adelaide

I am amazed at Ray Richards' simplistic reasoning in a Sydney newspaper on Marconi's lack of success this year although they have so many national team players.

He puts it down to lack of heart.

One does not have to be an ex-Philips League coach for a short time to see that they so often do not get the ball at the front when and where they need it. Surely this is the main lack.

They have suffered a lot by having players out through World Cup matches and camps, but it is coach Raul Blanco's job to overcome this as far as he can.

There is a lack of improvement among the players, and if Eddie Krncevic is in fact a full time player, what is done to polish his natural talents because he is going backwards not forwards.

Blanco has come through his early crisis, to suggest that he has learnt since that fateful year at St George when he took the wrong players to the club and was generally on the wrong foot all the time.

The Marconi Club is perhaps giving him this season to prove himself. Surely he must realise that slow build-ups are out and the pressure is on.

S. Morton
Kings Langley, NSW



Coke adds life to Soccer

O'NEILL FOR CUP FINALISTS

Martin O'Neill, the Northern Ireland international midfielder, is set to move from Norwich City to Manchester City — if the clubs can agree terms.

But that's a very big "if" judging by the Norwich reaction to any deal.

Norwich claim Manchester City still owe them \$1,000,000 from the sale of Kevin Reeves, plus compensation for the move of manager John Bond.

Sir Arthur South, the Norwich chairman, says O'Neill will not be allowed to play for Manchester City unless his full transfer fee — about \$430,000 — is handed over.

Sir Arthur said: "We will be tougher in our dealing with Manchester City than we would with other clubs — simply because of all the money they still owe us."

Martin O'Neill, who was Ireland's captain on last year's Australian tour, moved from Nottingham Forest to Norwich towards the end of last season.

He had a clause in his contract that he could get away if Norwich were relegated. They were.



MARTIN O'NEILL

HARD TIMES AT PRESTON

Tommy Docherty's snap decision to return to England and Preston North End was surely not inspired by any promise of great wealth at Preston.

In the business section of the magazine "Economist," in which the financial worries of Soccer are analysed, there is this illuminating item on The Doc's new club:-

"Preston North End, a team just relegated from the second division, has opted for austerity.

"It has, among other things, closed its youth hostel, cancelled pre-match meals at home games, reduced overnight stays to a minimum, decided to travel by coach in lieu of train, abandoned Christmas bonuses to staff, cancelled all meals in transit for the reserve team, reduced boardroom hospitality to light refreshments at half-time, and reduced its contribution to the players' Christmas party and end-of-season holiday."

In other words, Preston are pulling the belt tightly because, like many other British clubs, they are fighting to survive in a sport dominated by big city teams.

MATCH FEES PAID FOR NO MATCHES!

Northern Ireland will collect \$340,000 for international matches which were not played last month!

England refused to travel to battle-torn Belfast to play the Irishmen and Wales also decided to duck out of their Irish match commitment.

Now it has been agreed that England will pay the Irish F.A.

\$210,000 in compensation and Wales will fork out \$130,000.

The figures were arrived at after assessment of lost gate receipts plus TV fees.

The English, Irish, Welsh and Scottish

Football Associations made the decisions when their officials met in North Wales.

It was also decided at that meeting to declare the 1981 British Home International Championship null and void because of the match cancellations.

DURBAN'S BIG HOPES FOR SUNDERLAND

Alan Durban, who is the new manager of Sunderland, says he is amazed that so many top managers turned down the job.

Durban, who leaves Stoke City to join Sunderland, says: "Perhaps it was fear of the unknown. But Sunderland must be a

complete area of hope — I think they could be as big as any club in England.

"Stoke made me an excellent offer to stay so I am certainly not going to Roker Park for the money. But I read a comment by Bobby Robson that Sunderland had attracted him more than Manchester United and that confirmed

my feelings about Sunderland."

Sunderland is certainly one of English football's sleeping giants, a club with the sort of spectator interest only matched by giants like the two Merseyside clubs.

Alan Durban will be paid a basic salary of \$70,000 a year with a three-years contract.



ALBION TO ALBION

It could be a story of moving from one Albion to another Albion for manager Alan Mullery.

After Mullery resigned as Brighton and Hove Albion's team boss, he immediately applied for the vacant

job with West Bromwich Albion.

Mullery will certainly make the short list for the West Brom job while other candidates are Colin Addison of Derby County and team captain John Wile.



COLIN ADDISON

NO PROFIT FOR MANCHESTER

What a difference a year can make in the financial affairs of the two Manchester clubs.

In 1979, Manchester City made a profit of \$412,000. In 1980, they made a loss of \$3,300,000.

In 1979, Manchester United made a loss of \$372,000. In 1980, their loss was \$2,700,000.

Another interesting statistic concerns Plymouth Argyle. In the 1979-80 season, they had home gate receipts totalling \$300,000 but the profit from their club-run lottery was \$400,000.

UEFA GETS TOUGH

UEFA has banned Liverpool midfielder Sammy Lee from the next six England Under 21 matches because of his actions in a rough Hungary v England match this month.

LUTON TOWN THE GUINEA PIGS

The first club to play on Queens Park Rangers new artificial turf will be Luton Town on September 1.

Luton manager David Pleat is not very happy about that.

He said he will demand a full training session for his Luton players on the ground before the match.

In fact, QPR have invited all second division clubs to test the new surface before the season kicks off. Artificial turf is used extensively in the U.S.A. but many players don't like it.

They claim it causes pulled muscles and also burns to the legs.

By the way, QPR manager Terry Venables wrote a book some years ago and it was called "They used to play on Grass!" That was a prophetic title.

CLEMENCE THE TARGET FOR SICK GOSSIP

Hopes of a reconciliation between Liverpool and their star goalkeeper Ray Clemence were dashed after the player had a talk with manager Bob Paisley.

Clemence, 32, said: "Any chance of my staying with Liverpool have gone out of the window. I'm disappointed with Bob Paisley and the club for revealing publicly that I wanted to go. On my side, I refuse to talk.

"Any chance that I might remain with Liverpool for just another year to ease in new goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar has now gone.

"I've been put on the spot yet all this need never have happened."

Could it be that Liverpool, once again, is demonstrating that the club is bigger than any player?

But you have to sympathise with Clemence who has been the target for all sorts of malicious gossip since confirming that he wanted a transfer.

He complained: "People have said that my marriage has collapsed; my wife found me with another woman; I have money problems — and my business has collapsed.

"There is not a word of truth in any of those incredible stories."

Clemence has given Liverpool 14 years great service after joining them from Scunthorpe for a \$30,000 fee. They'll make a big profit when they sell him.



BRIAN KIDD

